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State of the Church—W. Gardner, J. M. Reid, J. Graham, D. F. Barnes, C. C. Olds.

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Public Worship—Pastor and Presiding Elder where Conference sits.

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CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1st. The Conference shall meet at 8 A. M., spending 30 minutes in devotional exercises, and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjournment at their discretion, and provided also that on the second day of the annual session the Conference shall be adjourned by expiration of time at 10 A. M.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journal of the preceding day read and approved.

3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference, but in case of an appeal the question shall be taken without debate.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.

5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary or any member request it.

6. When a motion, resolution, or report presented is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed as in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before the decision or amendment

7. No new motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene. which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named, viz: The previous question, indefinite postponement, laying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, amendment, or substitute.

8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language, but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.

10 No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the conference, nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

11. Whenever any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative to move a reconsideration.

12 No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when said question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

14. Every member who shall be within the bar, at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

16. The secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of the conference, and when approved, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose. He shall have charge of the journal and other papers of the Conference, and preserve them with care; suffer no person to take a copy of any paper during the interval of Conference except with the consent of the Conference, and shall forward the journal and papers to the next Annual Conference.

17, A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time and shall be decided without debate.

18. All committees whose reports are to be printed in the Minutes shall present their reports in duplicate, one copy for the Conference, and another for the Committee on Publication of the Minutes, otherwise the Committee on Publication is not required to insert such reports in the Minutes.

19. All persons, while passing the disciplinary course of study, who shall be reported below the medium, shall be required to pass another examination on the studies reported; and the chairman of examining committe shall give notice to the Conference Secretary and to the deficient party.

20 A member of the Conference accused of offenses against the law and discipline of the Church is entitled to a copy of the charges and specifications to be relied on for the prosecution of the complaint, together with a notice of the time when the accused will be called upon to answer said charges and specifications, A failure to serve a copy of said charges and specifications a reasonable length of time before the same shall be presented for adjudication must be satisfactorily explained by the prosecution before the trial can proceed.

JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

[Contains all proceedings, and was by vote declared the official Journal of Michigan Conference.]

FIRST DAY.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., September 24, 1885.

The Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled for its fiftieth session, in Division St. Church, at Grand Rapids, at 9 o'clock, A. M., Thursday, September 24, 1885. Bishop H. W. Warren in the chair.

The Bishop read part of tenth chapter of Luke, and 11th chapter of 2nd. Corinthians; the 798th hymn was sung and the Bishop offered prayer.

Bishop Warren, assisted by the Presiding Elders, then administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Bishop then addressed the Conference respecting its duties and responsibilities.

W. I. Cogshall, Secretary of the last session, called the roll of the Conference, and 179 members answered to their names as follows:

W. J. Aldrich, J. C. Ambrose, E. V. Armstrong, E. D Bacon, D. O. Ball, F. B. Bangs, H. S. Bargelt, D. F. Barnes, G. S. Barnes, C. L. Barnhart,, W. A. Bass, A. C. Beach, F. I. Bell, I. Bennett, S. G. Blanchard, J. R. Bowen, N. L. Bray, N. L. Brockway, W. H. Brockway, J. I. Buell, J. W. Buell, G. A. Buell, A. W. Burns, M. M. Callen, M. D. Carrel, J. W. Cawthorne. T. Clark, J. Clubine, W. I. Cogshall, W. M. Colby, G. L. Cole, W. M. Coplin, R. C. Crawford, G. Daniels, C. C. Dawkins, E. H. Day, J. W. Davids, J. N. Dayton, L. DeLamater, L. Dodds, G. Donaldson, E. H. Dissette, G. C. Draper, L. W. Earl, L. M. Edmonds, A. N. Eldred, G. C. Elliot, D. Engle, A. T. Ferguson, C. H. Fisher, J. C. Floyd, C. S. Fox, F. J. Freeman, W. P. French, W. Gardner, J. E. Gilbert, F. Glass, O. J. Golden, G. W. Gosling A. M. Gould, J. Graham, L. Grosenbaugh, J. Gulick, G. L. Haight, J. W. Hallenbeck, J. Hamilton, S. L. Hamilton, W. Hansom, J. S. Harder, J. J. Hartley, W. J. Hathway, H. R. Hawley, D. S. Haviland, W. Heath, H. P. Henderson, S. P. Hewitt, G. S. Hickey, J. Hills, J. W. Horner, G. W. Howe, J. Hoyt, A. Hunsberger, H. B. Hunt, J. T. Iddings, T. H. Jacokes, C. A. Jacokes, F. N. Janes, W. W. Johnson, H.

D. Jordan, H. M. Joy, C. W. Jones, W. Judd, E. L. Kellogg, A. R. Keillor, E. H. King, S. Kitzmiller, J. Klose, M. W. Knapp, A. A. Knappen, W. W. Lamport, G. D. Lee, E. T. Lumber, E. Marble, N. D. Marsh, U. Mason, L. Master, L. S. Matthews, P. J. Maveety, J. J. McAllister, F. L. McCoy, S. D. McKee, E. S. Mechesney, J. W. Miller, H. Morgan, G. L. Mount, W. P. Mosher, E. F. Newell, A. D. Newton, G. A. Odlum, C. C. Olds, J. F. Orwick, W. M. Paddock, O. S. Paddock, D. W. Parsons, O. H. Perry, J. H. Pitezel, J. H. Potts, W. Prouty, J. M. Reid, J. W. Reid, D. C· Reihl, T. Riley, A. A. Rolfe, G. W. Sherman, R. Shorts, W. S. Sly, M. W. F. Smith, C. W. Smith, J. M. Smith, J. A Sprague, J. K. Stark, J. W. Steffe, N. N. Steele, S. Steele, E. G. Stevens, W. R. Stinchcomb, S. C. Strickland, H. S. Taft, I. B. Tallman, J. H. Tanner, E. A. Tanner, I. Taylor, W. H. Thompson, C. G. Thomas, J. H. Thomas, G. W. Tuthill, F. A. VanDeWalker, A. J. Van. Wyck, Geo. Varion, A. Wakefield, J. Webster, J. A. Weyant, A. J. Wheeler, J. White, J. E. White, J. W. White, B. H. Whitman, I. R. A. Wightman, O. E. Wightman, R. C. Wilkinson, I. Wilson, S. C. Woodard, E. D. Young, W. M. Younglove.

W. I. Cogshall was re-elected Secretary by acclamation and authorized to nominate assistant Secretaries. He nominated and the Conference elected I. R. A. Wightman and F. L. McCoy assistant Secretaries.

D. C. Reihl was elected Statistical Secretary.

J. C. Floyd was elected Conference Treasurer by acclamation, with power to nominate his assistants, and he nominated and the Conference elected E. T. Lumber, W. J. Hathaway and F. L. Thompson, Assistant Treasurers.

The rules of last session were adopted for the government of this.

The list of Standing Committees as nominated last year was called, and adopted with one amendment, viz: The name of A. D. Newton was substituted for W. Doust, (deceased) in Committee on State of the Church.

D. O. Fox, of the South India Conference, and P. A. H. Franklin, of Utah Mission Conference, were introduced to the Conference. Bro. Franklin was invited to address the Conference on his work in Utah, after which the Conference raised a collection of $50.60 to aid Bro. Franklin's work.

The 20th question was then called, and the character of A. A. Knappen was passed, and he reported Albion district.

The names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections, viz: J. Graham, G. S. Hickey, E. D. Bacon, J. Webster, P. J. Maveety, W. Gardner, G. S. Barnes, J. Hoyt, W. M. Coplin, H. P. Henderson, W. Prouty, E. Cooley, W. M. Colby, J. Hills, J. W., Steffe, E. D. Young and J. H. Thomas.

The Secretary read a letter from N. Saunders announcing his withdrawal from our church and ministry, also surrendering his parchments of ordination as deacon and elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Conference concurred in such withdrawal.

The character of R. C. Welch was passed.

The character of J. H. Potts was passed, and the Bishop was requested to appoint him editor of the *Michigan Christian Advocate.*

The character of J. A. Bready was passed, and the Bishop was requested to leave him without appointment to attend one of our schools.

The character of C. L. Barnhart was passed, and he reported Ionia district.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections viz: J. W. Sutton, F. I. Bell, F. N. Janes, D. C. Reihl, G. D. Lee, L. M. Garlick, D. C. Woodard, L. Master, J. Gulick, J. F. Orwick, Thomas H. Jacokes, M. W. F Smith, H. S. Bargelt, J. Marzolf, O. E. Wightman.

The characters of D. S. Haviland and S. C. Woodard were passed and they were granted a superannuated relation at their own request.

A. M. Gould was appointed to conduct the devotional services to-morrow morning.

Notices were given, and the Conference adjourned, Bishop Warren pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, September 25, 1885.

The Conference assembled at 8 o'clock A. M., Bishop Warren in the chair.

Thirty minutes were spent in devotional services, led by A. M. Gould.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The roll of absentees of yesterday was called, and further calling of the roll was dispensed with. The following brethren, absent yesterday, answered to their names, viz: R. H. Bready, A. J. Eldred, A. M. Fitch, L. M. Garlick, T. T. George, G. E. Hollister, J. R. Odin, H. H. Parker, B. S. Pratt, J. Roberts, J. S. Valentine, D. C. Woodard.

The secretary presented certain papers which were referred to the appropriate committees.

T. Edwards, a former member of this body, located in 1871, presented a petition, through the secretary, asking for a statement of the fact of his location, which he had failed to receive to date. His request was granted, and the secretary was authorized to furnish him a statement of the Conference action in his case.

The Presiding Elders were appointed to nominate a committee to nominate the Standing Committees for next year.

The Statistical Secretary reported the names of those who have not presented their statistical reports, and those whose reports were perfect were read.

On motion, J. H. Pitezel was requested to preach a semi-centennial sermon during this session of the Conference.

R. C. Crawford, F. B. Bangs and W. H. Brockway were appointed to make certain recognition of the fact that this is our fiftieth annual session.

G. L. Haight was elected Railroad Secretary.

The 20th question was taken up, and J. Hamilton was called, his character passed, and he reported Lansing district.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections, viz: G. L. Mount, J. W. Reid, T. Riley, W. I. Cogshall, G. Varion, J. B. Knott, A. Potter, S. Nelson, W. H. Thompson, J. S. Valentine, C. A. Jacokes, F. L. McCoy, G. E. Hollister, G. C. Draper, M. M. Callen, N. L. Brockway, R. H. Bready, B. E. Paddock.

E. H. Dissette's character was passed, but he did not report his collections.

C. A. Jacokes reported that the late Mrs. Pierce, of Leslie, had made a bequest to him of $500.00, to be used for the benefit of the Conference Claimants, and asked for direction as to its disposition.

The following resolution offered by G. W. Gosling was then adopted:

Resolved, That Dr. J. M. Reid, T. H. Jacokes and J. W. Hallenbeck, be appointed a committee to consider what steps need to be taken to make the Michigan Annual Conference a legal body.

G. W. GOSLING,
I. WILSON.

H. P. Henderson presented certain papers and moved their reference to the committee on Temperance, but the Conference decided to lay the motion on the table.

H. M. Joy was called, his character passed, and he reported Grand Rapids district.

After Bro. Joy's report, J. I. Buell, in behalf of Grand Rapids district, presented him with a gold watch.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time, and A. J. Eldred called the P. S. F. S. to order, at the close of which the Conference re-assembled at 11:20 A. M.

G. G. Whitworth presented a gavel to Bishop Warren.

Charges having been preferred against A. J. Russell, the Conference appointed the following committee of trial: T. H. Jacokes, Pres.; N. M. Steele, H. D. Jordan, John Clubine, G. D. Lee, G. C. Elliott, Thos. Riley, G. Daniels, James Webster, S. D. McKee, A. Huntsberger, E. L. Kellogg, S. C. Woodard, L. S. Matthews, N. D. Marsh, A. D. Newton.

J. W. Reid was appointed counsel for the church, and W. I. Cogshall for the defense, and I. R. A. Wightman as secretary.

The following committee was appointed to investigate certain charges against B. S. Pratt, viz: G. S. Barnes, E. D. Bacon, J. W. Reid, G. E. Hollister, C. S. Fox.

Charges having been preferred against W. R. Stinchcomb, the following brethren were appointed a committee of trial in his case: J. M. Reid, Chairman; R. C. Crawford, G. L. Mount, U. Mason, G. S. Hickey, Levi Master, A. M. Gould, I. B. Tallman, J. W. Hallenbeck, J. E. White, J. Graham, L. W. Earl, D. C. Woodard, M. W. Knapp, B. F. Paddock, J. J. Hartley.

J. W. Reid and W. Gardner were appointed counsel for the church, and M. M. Callen and J. K. Stark for the defense. F. L. McCoy detailed as Secretary.

Charges having been preferred against L. Dodds, the following brethren were appointed a committee of trial, viz: C. C. Olds, Pres't.; G. W. Howe, I. Wilson, J. Gulick, Geo. Donaldson, S. C. Strickland, E. Wygle, E. V. Armstrong, Wm. Prouty, C. A. Jacokes, E. G. Stevens, C. G. Thomas, J. F. Orwick T. T. George, O. H. Perry.

P. J. Maveety was elected assistant Secretary and detailed to take minutes in case of L. Dodds. D. F. Barnes was appointed counsel for the defense and J. I. Buell counsel for the church.

The Conference ordered that eleven members be competent to bring in a verdict in these cases.

The time of Conference was extended.

A. A. Knappen presented the credentials of J. M. Whitney and the Conference permitted him to withdraw from our church and ministry under charges.

J. M. Reid offered the following resolution relative to the distribution of certain documents reflecting on the character of some of our ministers, which resolution was adopted unanimously as follows:—

WHEREAS, Certain printed documents have been circulated at the door of this Conference assailing certain members of the Conference, with others, and

WHEREAS, The Conference exercises judicial powers over its members, and is open to receive complaints in due form against any of its members and

WHEREAS the body is bound to preserve itself from all such improper approaches and from all interference with its proper functions and

WHEREAS it most heartily disapproves of the style and manner of the articles put into circulation as above specified; therefore

Resolved that we emphatically condemn and severely rebuke the publication and circulation of these documents and request the officers of this church to provide for preventing their distribution in the future.

The Secretary was authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of the P. S. F. S. for the interest due this conference upon the Parkhurst fund.

C. G. Thomas was appointed to conduct the devotional service tomorrow morning. Notices were given. Bishop Warren pronounced the benediction and Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1885.

Conference assembled at 8 o'clock, A. M., Bishop Warren in the chair.

Thirty minutes were spent in devotional exercises led by C. G. Thomas.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended and adopted.

On motion a committee consisting of M. D. Carrel, E. L. Kellogg, and G. W. Tuthill was appointed on the W. F. M. S.

T. H. Jacokes presented the findings in the case of A. J. Russell, (See report.)

G. S Barnes presented the report of the committee appointed to investigate the case of B. S. Pratt and the conference adopted the report. (See report.)

J. M. Reid offered the following resolution which was adopted.

WHEREAS: The methods adopted for raising the amounts necessary for the support of the ministry cause serious embarrassment to our work by often times leaving a large defiiciency for which provision must be made in the closing hours of the Conference year, therefore

Resolved: That a committee of five be appointed of which Rev. Jas. W. Reid shall be chairman, to consider the matter, and report any measure of relief which may be in accord with the plan of the Discipline.

J. M. REID.

W. H. Brockway reported that he held $100 raised at Bay View for our Northern work and the Conference decided to place this money at the disposition of W. H. M. S.

F. A. Smart and H. O. Parker, of Detroit Conference, L. E. Bell, of Rock River Conference and A. J. Mead, of Wisconsin Conference were introduced to the Conference.

The 20th question was taken up and the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections. A. J. Wheeler, N. D. Marsh, H. D. Jordan, R. C. Crawford, J. W. Miller, T. T. George, J. E. White, R. Shire, J. I. Buell, A. Hunsberger, J. E. Gilbert.

The character of A. J. VanWyck was passed and he was granted a leave of absence on account of sickness in his family.

The characters of W. W. Rork, J. W. H. Carlisle, W. A. Hunsberger, G. W. Tuthill were passed but collections were not reported.

The character A. H. Gillett was passed.

The Bishop announced that the conference is authorized to draw on the chartered fund for $30 and on the Book Concern for $331. And the Conference ordered the drafts made.

J. A. Sprague was called, his character passed and he reported Big-Rapids district. At the close of Brother Sprague's report, J. K. Stark presented Mrs. Sprague with a silver bronze mantel clock and Brother Sprague a gold watch.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: J. W. Hallenbeck, G. Donaldson, E. F. Newell, S. G. Blanchard, H. R. Hawley, J. K. Stark, J. C. Floyd M. W. Knapp, C. W. Smith, G. L. Haight, G. Daniels, W. Hansom.

J. N. Dayton's character was passed.

H. P. Blake was announced as transferred to west Wisconsin Conference.

The character of W. J. Aldrich was passed, and he reported Kalamazoo district, at the close of which, J. J. McAllister, in behalf of the district, presented Bro. Aldrich with a gold watch.

On motion, W. J. Aldrich, A. M. Gould and J. Graham were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable memoir of the daughter of brother and sister Calkins.

The Bishop announced the committee on Financial plan viz: J. W. Reid, W. A. Hunsberger, A. M. Gould, John Graham, W. Gardner.

J. Roberts was excused from further attendance at the Conference.

J. M. Reid, A. P. Moors and E. D. Bacon were appointed to consider the financial condition of Nashville church.

The 14th question was taken up, and John J. Hartley, Freeman A. Van De Walker, J. R. Bowen, George A. Odlum, Alexander R. Keillor, William P. French, Edwin T. Lumber, H. B. Hunt, John W Buell, Charles C. Dawkins were called, their characters passed, they were severally represented by their Presiding Elders, and the Examining committee, and were elected to Elders orders.

The character of John W. Horner was passed, he being an Elder.

John M. Smith's character was passed, and he was elected to Elders orders, and required to pass examination in the studies reported deficient this year:

The character of Paul Desjardins was passed.

The Examining committee reported his standing, and he was discharged from further examinations.

Question 10 was taken up, and Thomas Nicholson, Arthur S. Williams, Fayette L. Thompson, Alfred E. Craig, Seward C. Tiney, James Robinson, Richard Towers, William A Frye having been properly recommended, and having passed satisfactory examinations, were elected to Deacons orders.

Question 5 was taken up, and the class of the second year was called forward. After singing, Bishop Warren addressed the class, after which the usual disciplinary questions weie asked and properly answered, and the following brethren having been represented by their Presiding Elders, and the Examining committee were received into full connection with the Conference, and elected to Deacons orders: Daniel W. Fow, William Denman, Arthur M. Griffith, Thomas Young.

George B. Kulp and John C. Beach were also received into full connection, being Deacons.

T. Young was required to pass examination next year in Logic, Pope and History, and A. M. Griffin in Logic, Harmon and History.

A. W. Bushee, Edmund Patterson, J. Clancey, C. E. Mitchell and L. W. Bacon were continued on trial.

J. W. McAllister, from Toronto Conference of M. E. church of Canada, was admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders, and excused from the studies of the first and second years, except United States History and Pope vol., 2.

The time of the Conference was extended.

L. R. Fiske, presented the annual report of Albion College Trustees.

I. R. A. Wightman presented report of visitors to Albion College, which was referred to Educational committee.

Dr. Bennett, of Garrett Biblical Institute, addressed the Conference.

J. H. Potts presented $150.00 in cash to this Conference from the profits of the Michigan Christian Advocate, which gift was received with thanks, and passed to the Conference Treasurer.

S. D. McKee was appointed to lead the devotional exercises on Monday morning.

Doxology was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the benediction and the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

SUNDAY, September 27, 1885.

Morning session was held in Powers' Opera House. Conference Love Feast at 9 A. M., led by C. C. Olds.

At 10:30 Bishop Warren ordained the following brethren to Deacons orders, viz: Alfred E. Craig, Wm. Denman, Daniel W. Fow, Wm. A. Frye, Arthur M. Griffith, J. W. McAllister, Thos. Nicholson, James Robinson, Richard Towers, Fayette L. Thompson, Seward C. Tiney, Arthur S. Williams, Thos. Young.

Bishop Warren preached from I Tim. 2–8; and Conference closed with benediction by Bishop Warren.

AFTERNOON.

Conference met in Division St. church for Memorial session; I. R. A. Wightman conducted the services. Hymn 982 was sung, and R. C. Crawford offered prayer.

Wm. H. Thompson read selections from the word of God, after which J. C. Floyd read a memoir of Mrs. J. K. Stark. J. A. Sprague read a memoir of Mrs. H. P. Blake. A. A. Knappen read a memoir of Mrs. J. W. Steffe. A memoir of Miss Nettie A. Calkins, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Calkins, was presented by W. J. Aldrich.

Part of a hymn was sung, and I. Taylor read a memoir of W. Doust, and D. Engle presented a memoir of W. S. Foster.

Bishop Warren offered a few remarks, and proceeded to ordain to the order of Elder the following brethren, being assisted by J. A. Sprague and H. M. Joy, viz: Jas. R. Bowen, John W. Buell, John J. Hartley, Chas. C. Dawkins, Wm. P. French, Hoyt B. Hunt, Alex. R. Keillor, Edwin T. Lumber, Geo. A. Odlum, John M. Smith, Freeman A Vandewalker.

Conference then closed with benediction by Bishop Warren.

FIFTH DAY.

GRAND RAPIDS, MONDAY, September 28, 1885.

Conference assembled at 8 A. M. Thirty minutes were spent in devotional exercises, led by S. D. McKee. The minutes of Saturday and Sunday's sessions were read and approved. The Bishops certified to the ordinations of yesterday as follows:

I hereby certify that on the 27th of September, 1885, in the city of Grand Rapids, Mich., I ordained Alfred E. Craig, Thomas Nicholson, William Denman, James Robinson, Daniel W. Fow, Richard Towers, Wm. A. Frye, Fayette L. Thompson, Arthur M. Griffith, Seward C. Tiney, J. W. McAllister, Arthur S. Williams, Thomas Young, Deacons. And by the aid of Elders present on the same day, and in the same city, James R. Bowen, John W. Buell, Charles C. Dawkins, Wm. P. French, John J. Hartley, Hoyt B. Hunt, Alexander R. Keillor, Edwin T. Lumber, Geo. A. Odlum, John M. Smith, Freeman A. Van De-Walker, Elders in the church of God according to the ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Henry W. Warren.

D. F. Barnes presented a paper relative to the proposed plan for the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, which was referred to the Educational committee.

A. M. Fitch presented report of Mission Auditing committee as follows. (See Report.)

Question 20 was taken up. The character of N. D. Marsh, of Grand Rapids district was passed, and he reported his collections.

R. Shorts, N. M. Steele, E. V. Armstrong, S. D. McKee, W. A. Bass, E.. S. Mechesney, L. De Lamarter, W. Barrett, A. T. Ferguson, H. B. Hunt, D. W. Parsons and S. Kitzmiller. of Kalamazoo district were called; their characters passed, and they reported their collections.

The characters of A. N. Eldred, E. H. King, L. W. Calkins, E. A. Tanner, C. S. Fox, J. J. Mc Allister were passed.

J. Wilks, was announced as transferred to Liberia Conference.

The character of D. Engle was passed, and he reported Coldwater district.

The characters of the following effective Elders of Coldwater district were passed, and they reported their collections, viz: O. S. Paddock, J. W. White, A. W. Burns, J. Clubine, D. F. Barnes, I. B. Tallman, S. C. Strickland, E. L. Kellogg, L. Grosenbaugh, W. M. Paddock, N. L. Bray and M. D. Carrel.

The characters of J. Klose, C. W. Jones and E. A. Whitwam were passed.

T. H. Jacokes, A. M. Gould and A. J. Eldred were appointed to consider the financial condition of Batavia church.

The Conference ordered that the case of the widow of W. S. Foster be referred to the Board of Stewards, and recommended that sister Foster be placed on the second class of claimants.

The following named brethren, whose characters had passed at a previous session, were called, and they reported their collections: George Varion, S. Nelson, D. C. Woodard, L. M. Garlick, J. W. Sutton and J. W. H. Carlisle.

The character of I. Taylor was passed, and he reported Niles district. The following brethren were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: G. A. Buell, Joshua White, C. G. Thomas, J. H. Tanner, L. S. Matthews, U. Mason, J. W. Buell, C. H. Fisher, W. W. Lamport, G. W. Gosling, I. R. A. Wightman, I. Wilson. G. L. Cole, R. C. Wilkinson.

The characters of the following brethren were passed: L. W. Earl, O. D. Watkins, H. H. Parker, J. M. Reid.

W. R. Stinchcomb reported Grand Traverse district.

L. R. Fiske spoke in the interest of the Board of Education, and of Albion College.

J. M. Reid presented the report of the committee on Financial plan, which was adopted, and ordered published in the Northwestern and Michigan Christian Advocates (See Report.)

J. M. Reid presented the report of the committee appointed to look into the matter of incorporating the Conference, which was adopted. (See Report.)

J. M. Reid presented a form for the election of Conference trustees, which was adopted. (See Report.)

Revs. Dawe and Berry, of Detroit Conference, and Rice of Northern New York Conference, and Dr. Cranston of the Western Book Concern, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. J. M. Freeman, of New York, was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning the S. S. Union and Tract Society of M. E. Church.

Time of Conference was extended.

J. W. Miller, G. S. Hickey and J. E. Gilbert, were appointed to cooperate with W. H. M. S.

On motion the Stewards were authorized to make Mrs. Doust a claimant of the second class.

Ordered that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 7:30 this evening.

Committees of Trial were excused from attendance at the evening session.

W. H. Thompson was appointed to conduct the devotional services this evening. Bishop Warren pronounced the benediction, and Conference adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference assembled at 7:30 P. M., Bishop Warren in the chair.

W. H. Thompson conducted the opening devotional services. Minutes of forenoon session were read. The action of the morning session, whereby the Conference recommended that Mrs. Foster and Mrs Doust be placed in the second class of Conference claimants was reconsidered, and these cases were referred to the Conference Stewards without recommendation.

J. M. Reid presented the action of the committee in the case of W. R. Stinchcomb. (See Report.)

J. M. Reid offered the following resolution which was on motion adopted.

Resolved, That the minister of Christ should be a man of one work. He should give himself wholly to this office, whereunto it hath pleased God to call him. Worldly aims and pursuits are likely to bring barrenness to his own soul, fruitlessness to his ministry, wasting to the church of God, temptations to dishonor if not dishonesty, and the wilting frown of God upon his unfaithfulness. Therefore he should separate himself from all schemes to enrich himself by speculation in lands, stock or other worldly goods, or embarking in secular business of any sort. J. M. REID.

Question 20 was taken up. The character of W. R. Stinchcomb was passed. The names of the following brethren were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: O. B. Whitmore, D. A. Green. O. J. Golden, S. P. Hewett, F. J. Freeman, J. C. Ambrose, G. W. Sherman, A. J. Eldred, E. H. Day, W. Heath.

The characters of J. T. Iddings, D. O. Ball, G. W. Howe, A. R. Boggs, C. H. Howe, were passed.

A. P. Moors presented the report of the committee on Nashville church. (See Report.)

E. L. Kellogg presented the report of the committee on the State of the church. (See Report.)

L. Master presented the report of the committee on the Sanctity of the Sabbath. (See report.)

F. L. McCoy presented the report of the committee on Education, all of which were adopted. (See report.)

The Secretary was authorized to cast the ballots of the Conference for H. E. Staples and W. H. Brockway as trustees of Albion College, and the Bishop announced their election.

J. S. Smart presented the report of the monies collected for Albion College during the year, which report was ordered to be published in the minutes at the expense of the college. (See report.

E. S. Mechesney presented the report of the committee on Conference Claimants, which was adopted. (See report.)

W. J. Aldrich reported amount collected for Mrs. Greensted with receipts for the amount from Mrs. Greensted, which receipts he deposited with the Treasurer, and the committee was discharged.

M. D. Carrel presented report of committee on W. F. M. S., which was adopted.

M. D. Carrel presented the report of the committee to collect money for the Jocelyn—Perrine memorial, which was adopted. (See report.)

G. L. Cole was added to the committee, and $500.00 was fixed as the minimum amount necessary for such memorial.

W. H. Thompson presented the report on Periodicals, which was adopted.

J. M. Reid presented the claims of our missionary papers, *The Gospel In All Lands*, *The Missionary World*, and *The Little Missionary*.

The Bishop nominated the Conference Trustees, and the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for the persons nominated. (See Conference Officers.)

The committee on Nominations was announced by the Bishop.

Thirty-third question was taken up and Kalamazoo was fixed as the place for holding our next session.

G. L. Cole presented the report of committee on Bible Cause.

A. J. Mead addressed the Conference, and Brother Cole's report was adopted. (See report.)

The officers of the Educational Society were elected by Conference. (See Conference Societies.)

The Bishop nominated, and the Conference elected, G. S. Hickey, W. I. Cogshall, A. M. Gould, H. M. Joy, I. R. A. Wightman, G. W. Tuthill, G. D. Lee, Triers of Appeals.

The Presiding Elders were constituted a committee to co-operate with the Presiding Elders of Detroit Conference and secure a re-union of Detroit and Michigan Conference next year, if possible.

Conference took a recess to allow P. S. F. S. to transact necessary business, and did not again assemble until next morning.

SIXTH DAY.

GRAND RAPIDS, TUESDAY, September 29, 1885.

Conference assembled at 8 A. M.

M. D. Carrel conducted the devotional exercises. At 8:30 Bishop Warren took the chair. The minutes of last session were read and approved.

W. H. Brockway presented the report of the Treasurer of the Conference Educational Society, which was adopted. (See Report.)

The Bishop appointed the committees on examinations for next year. (See Page 4.)

The Bishop nominated the Board of Church Extension as follows: President, J. W. H. Carlisle; Vice President, James Lowe; Secretary, R. C. Crawford; Treasurer, J. C. Floyd. Directors, J. A. Sprague, L. R. Atwater, Pastor Division St. Church, Grand Rapids, and Judge G. M. Buck.

The Bishop appointed F. L. McCoy to preach the missionary sermon next year with A. D. Newton as alternate.

A. P. Moors presented a resolution of welcome to D. O. Fox.

F. I. Bell, G. E. Hollister, A. Potter and W. Barrett were placed on the Supernumerary list.

J. R. Odin, W. J. Swift, C. C. Olds and J. Roberts were made effective.

N. L. Brockway was made Superannuate at his own request.

The Conference requested the Bishop to appoint E. H. Dissette agent for promoting the cause of temperance.

Delos Cronk, James Roberts and A. P. Moors were made effective, and C. H. Howe was placed on the Superannuated list.

Question 18 was taken up, and R. Pengelly. T. Lyon, S. M. Merritt, A. A. Rolfe, W. H. Brockway. B. W. Smith, W. Riley, H. O. Lawrence, J. W. Arney, J. H. Hopkins, W. S. Sly, W. L. Tilden and A. M. Fitch were continued on the Supernumerary list.

A. P. Morrison was located at his own request.

A. E. Ketchum was granted a Superannuated relation.

Question 19 was taken up, and A. L. Crittenden. L. Bathrick, J. T. Robe, G. A. Van Horn, H. Morgan, T. J. Hill, J. H. Pitezel, I. Bennett, J. H. Richards, J. W. Hollowell, A. Wakefield, F. Glass, F. Gage, I. H. Skinner, T. Clark, C. Chick, L. J. Griffin, G. W. Hoag, J. S. Harder, L. M. Bennett, W. W. Johnson, S. L. Hamilton, C. B. Holding, G. S. Hicks, D. M. Ward, J. M. Robinson, F. B. Bangs, B. S. Mills, B. S. Pratt, N. Fassett, C. T. Van Antwerp, E. Marble, S. Steele and J. P. Force were continued on the Superannuated list.

A. M. Gould and G. W. Gosling were appointed to audit the accounts of Kalkaska church, with the privilege of reporting through the *Michigan Christian Advocate.*

B. H. Whitman was made effective.

Bishop Gillespie, of the western diocese of Michigan, of the P. E. Church was introduced, and addressed the Conference with reference to the State Board of Corrections and Charities, and presented a document of said Board, which was referred to T. H. Jacokes, D. F. Barnes and W. Gardner, which committee was privileged to retire.

Report of committee on Nominations was read and adopted. (See Page 4.)

G. W. Sherman was excused from further attendance at the Conference.

T. H. Jacokes presented the report in the case of Batavia church, which was adopted.

Question 3rd was taken up. The following brethren were called, they reported their collections; their Presiding Elders and the Examining committee represented them, and they were advanced in their studies. M. F. Loomis, W. H. Parsons, W. A. Frye, W. M. Puffer, Robert M. Middleton. Thomas Cox and William G. Talbert.

G. H. Lockhart and R. H. Tindall were continued on trial without advancement.

J. G. Crosier having been previously excused from literary examination, was continued on trial.

Question 13 was taken up and John W. Davids, Wm. P. Mosher, Albert H. Gamble. O. H. Perry, Herbert S. Taft, W. Judd, W. N. Younglove and J. A. Weyant, were called, their characters passed, and having been severally represented by their Presiding Elders, and the examining committee, were advanced to traveling Deacons of the second class.

Dr. Earl Cranston addressed the Conference relative to the Methodist Book Concern.

C. C. Olds presented the report of the committee on Temperance, which was adopted. (See Report.)

T. H. Jacokes presented the report of the special committee relative to the State Board of Corrections and Charities, which was adopted. (See Report.) T. H. Jacokes, A. J. Eldred, W. W. Rork. W, H. Brockway and D. F. Barnes were appointed delegates to the National meeting of said association, soon to be held at Detroit.

J W. Reid presented a form to be used by persons making bequests to the Conference, which was adopted. (See report.)

R. C. Crawford presented a report of the committee on Semi-Centennial to be held next year, which was adopted. Also a resolution indicating the length of reports to be presented to this body in the future.

Resolutions, complimentary to the presidency of Bishop Warren, were offered and adopted. (See resolutions.)

Conference adopted resolutions relative to the death of the late W. B.

Blanchard as follows:

WHEREAS, The Rev. B. W. Blanchard, sometime a member of this Conference, on the morning of August 10, this year, departed this life; and

WHEREAS, One of our brethren has thus been bereaved.

Resolved, That we hereby tender to Bro. S. G. Blanchard, our bereaved brother, our condolence and sympathy, and also express our recognition of the grace of God, which sustained the deceased up to the ripe age of 76 years, and which enabled him always to triumph, and which so gently led him down through the gradual encroachments of infirmity. We recognize the coincidence of his death upon his 76th birthday, and of his sudden death. Dying alone, he was not, for God took him. W. H. THOMPSON.

A. M. Gould presented a supplementary report of the committee on Education, which was adopted.

G. S. Hickey presented a report of the committee on W. H. M. S., which was adopted.

J. C. Floyd presented the Treasurer's report.

C. C. Olds presented the findings in the case of L. Dodds, by which he was suspended for one year, and D. F. Barnes gave notice of an appeal from the findings of the committee.

Secretary presented certain bills, which were allowed, and Conference proceeded to take up a collection to meet them, which amounted to $18.20.

Ordered that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 2 P. M.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay over all monies belonging to the Conference Educational Society to the Treasurer of the latter society, and all other monies to the proper officers of the societies indicated.

H. M. Joy reported the officers elected by the Conference Trustees.

Conference ordered that D. O. Ball be continued financial agent of Kalkaska church until its present indebtedness is properly adjusted.

The request of Holmes A. Pattison for a certified copy of the record concerning his ordination as Deacon and Elder, and his location was not granted.

A resolution of thanks to the of the Press city was passed.

G. W. Gosling presented a resolution concerning the meeting of Conference, which was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Board of Bishops be respectfully requested to convene the annual sessions of the Michigan Conference on Wednesday.

A. M. GOULD,
G. W. GOSLING.

The Freedman's Aid Report was presented and adopted. (See Report.)

The Conference decided to return a chart of Grand Traverse region, used in the trial of W. R. Stinchcomb to the owners. After benediction by the Bishop, Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened at 2 P. M., Bishop Warren in the chair. The Bishop read a portion of scriptures, and R. C. Crawford led the Conference in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read, and approved.

On motion, B. O. Ball was granted a Supernumerary relation.

E. Tench, an Elder, was admitted to the Conference on certificate of location granted by the West Wisconsin Conference.

Question 2nd was then taken up, and Arthur E. North, Thomas Nicholson, William J. Douglas, Howard C. Chamberlain, Arthur K. Stewart, Fayette L. Thompson, William E. Golding, Delbert L. Thomas. Luther B. Kenyon, Alfred E. Craig, Frank F. Bliss, Arthur H. Sturgis, Seward C. Tiney, Robert J. Floody, Robert A. Wright, Charles H. Theobald, Gould E. Matthews, Thomas Tindall, having been properly recommended and favorably represented by their Presiding Elders and the Examining committee, were received on trial.

D. G. Bruce, an Elder from Montreal Conference, of Methodist Church of Canada, was admitted in full into this Conference, and excused from literary examinations.

The Bishop announced the following transfers: J. E. Gilbert to Indiana Conference; E. E. McKay to Rock River; J. Wilks to Liberia; R. Phillips to Puget Sound; S. G. Blancherd to Southern California; H. P. Blake to West Wisconsin; O. B. Whitmore to Oregon.

The Bishop presented the plan for general Conference Entertainment as follows:

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT.

To the Bishop and Members of the Michigan Annual Conference to be held at Grand Rapids. beginning September, 24, 1885.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The General Conference, at its session in Philadelphia, in May, 1884, enacted as follows namely:

I. All matters pertaining to the entertainment of the next General Conference shall be in the hands of a Commission appointed by the Bishops during the present session.

II. This Commission shall be known at "The Commission of General Conference Entertainment of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and shall consist of seven members, one of whom shall be one of the Book Agents at New York, who shall be Treasurer.

III. The Commission shall estimate the amount required for the Expenses of the General Conference, including traveling expenses and board, and shall apportion the same among the Annual Conferences at as early a date as practicable.

IV. There shall be subcommittees of two ministers, one of whom shall be the presiding elder, and one layman for each presiding elder's district, in each of the Annual Conferences, who shall attend to the collection of the amounts apportioned to their several district as the Commission shall direct. These subcommittees shall be elected by the several Annual Conferences on the nomination of the presiding elders, and it shall be the duty of the Bishop presiding to request the appointment of such subcommittees at each session of the Annual Conference.

V. The following general plan for the collection of the money is recommended to the Commission, namely:

1. The amount required shall be apportioned to each Annual Conference at its second session in the ensuing quadrennium, and divided by the Conference, first among the presiding elder's districts, and then by the subcommittees among the charges.

2. The collection shall be reported to the next ensuing Annual Conference by the preacher in charge, leaving the fourth year for the collection of arrears, should there be any. Provided, however, that if any subcommittee has any good reason to adopt any other method of collection, it may be so authorized by the Commission.

The Commissioners, appointed in pursuance of the General Conference action above given, have carefully estimated the amount necessary to meet the expenses of the next General Conference, in cluding traveling expenses and board of delegates, and have apportioned the same among the Annual Conferences upon the most equitable basis possible.

The apportionment to the Michigan Annual Conference is $1,488.

The Commissioners respectfully urge, in order that the instructions of the General Conference may be faithfully and successfully carried out, that at your present session,

1. The above amount, apportioned to your Conference, be divided among the several districts.

2. That a "subcommittee," as directed by the General Conference, for each presiding-elder's district, be elected, who shall divide the amount apportioned to the district among the several charges, attend to the collection of the same during the present Conference year, and report the result at your next session. In case of any deficiency in any of the charges, let suitable measures be taken to make up the entire deficiency as early in the next year as possible.

3. The Commissioners recommend that the subcommittees of the Conference meet immediately upon their appointment and elect a Treasurer from their own number, who shall receive and keep an account of all the moneys raised and forward the same immediately to John M. Phillips, Treasurer, 805 Broadway, New York

By order and in behalf of the Commission of General Conference Entertainment.

M. D'C. CRAWFORD, Chairman,
HOMER EATON, Secretary
J. M. PHILLIPS, Treasurer.

NEW YORK, July 2, 1885.

The Presiding Elders were ordered to make the apportionment with power to appoint sub-committees.

Conference proceeded to take up a collection of $80.00 for Nashville church.

The committee on missionary approprtations made their report through H. M. Joy, (See report) which report was approved.

The Statistician presented his report, which was adopted. (See statistics.)

A vote of thanks was tendered to J. H. Pitezel for his able semi-centennial sermon. Also requesting him to furnish a copy to the *Michigan Christian Advocate* for publication.

A resolution of thanks to J. E. Gilbert for his services in entertaining the Conference, was passed. (See resolutions.)

The Stewards then presented their report, which was adopted. (See reports.)

A resolution of thanks to the churches and citizens of Grand Rapids for hospitality shown, was adopted.

The minutes were read and approved. Bishop Warren led in prayer, announced the appointments, and the fiftieth session of the Michigan Conference closed at 4:45 P. M.

W I. COGSHALL, Sec'y. H. W. WARREN, Pres't.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are Received by Transfer?*

None.

2 *Who Are Admitted on Trial?*

Arthur E. North, Thos. Nicholson, Wm. J. Douglass, Howard C. Chamberlain, Arthur K. Stewart, Fayette L. Thompson, Wm. E. Golding, Delbert L. Thomas, Luther B. Kenyon, Alfred E. Craig, Frank F. Bliss, Arthur H. Sturgis, Seward C. Tiney, Robt. J. Floody, Robt. A. Wright, Chas. H. Theobald, Gould E. Matthews, Thos. Tindall.—18.

3. *Who Remain on Trial?*

M. F. Loomis, W. H. Parsons, W. A. Frye, W. M. Puffer, Robt. M. Middleton, Thos. Cox, Wm. G. Talbert, G. H. Lockhart, R. H. Tindall, J. G. Crosier, Lyman W. Bacon, A. W. Bushee, E. B. Patterson, Judson Clancy, Chas. E. Mitchell.—15.

4 *Who Are Discontinued?*

None.

5 *Who Are Admitted Into Full Connection?*

Wm. Denman, Geo. B. Kulp, Arthur M. Griffith, Thos. Young, D. W. Fow, Jno. C. Beach.—6.

6 *Who Are Re-Admitted?*

E. Tench from West Wisconsin Conference.—1.

7 *Who Are Admitted on Credentials from other Churches?*

J. W. McAllister from Toronto Conf. M. E. Church of Canada, D. G. Bruce from Montreal Conference Methodist Church of Canada.—2.

8 *What Traveling Preachers Have Been Elected Deacons?*

Wm. Denman, Dan'l W. Fow, Arthur M. Griffith, J. W. McAllister, Thos. Young.—5.

9 *What Traveling Preachers Have Been Ordained Deacons?*

Wm. Denman, Dan'l W. Fow, Arthur M. Griffith, J. W. McAllister, Thos. Young.—5.

10 *What Local Preachers Have Been Elected Deacons?*

Alfred E. Craig, Thos. Nicholson, Jas Robinson, Rich'd Towers, F. L. Thompson, S. C. Tiney, A. S. Williams, Wm. A. Frye.—8.

11 *What Local Preachers Have Been Ordained Deacons?*

A. E. Craig, Thos. Nicholson, Jas. Robinson, R. Towers, F. L. Thompson, S. C. Tiney, A. S. Williams, W. A. Frye.—8.

12 *Who Are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?*

Wm. Denman, D. W Fow, A. M. Griffith, J. W. McAllister, Thos. Young, John C. Beach.—6.

13 *Who Are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*

Jno. W. Davids, Wm. P. Mosher, Alf. A. Gamble, O. H. Perry, Wm. Judd, Wm. Younglove, H. S. Taft, J. A. Weyant-—8.

14 *What Traveling Deacons Have Been Elected Elders?*

J. R. Bowen, J. W. Buell, C. C. Dawkins, W. P. French, J. J. Hartley, H. B. Hunt, A. R. Keillor, E. T. Lumber, G. A. Odlum, J. M. Smith, F. A. VanDeWalker.—11.

15 *What Traveling Deacons Have Been Ordained Elders?*

J. R. Bowen, J. W. Buell, C. C. Dawkins, W. P. French, J. J. Hartley, H. B. Hunt, A. R. Keillor, E. T. Lumber, G. A. Odlum, J. M Smith, F. A. VanDeWalker.—11.

16 *What Local Deacons Have Been Elected Elders?*

None.

17 *What Local Deacons Have Been Ordained Elders?*

None.

18 *Who Are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

R. Pengelly, T. Lyon, S. M. Merritt, A. A. Rolfe, W. H Brockway B. W. Smith, W. Riley, H. O. Lawrence. J. W. Arney. J. H. Hopkins. W. S. Sly, W. L. Tilden, A. M. Fitch, G. E. Hollister. D. O. Ball, F. I Bell, A. Potter, W. Barrett.—18.

19 *Who Are The Superannuated Preachers?*

A. L. Crittenden, L. Bathrick, J. T. Robe, G. A. Van Horn, H. Morgan, T. J. Hill, J. H. Pitezel, I. Bennett, J. H. Richards. A. C. Beach, A. A. Dunton, J. W. Hollowell, A. Wakefield, F. Glass, F. Gage, I. H. Skinner, T. Clark, C. Chick, L. J. Griffin. G. W. Hoag, J. S. Harder, L. M. Bennett, W. W. Johnson, S. L. Hamilton, C. B. Holding, G. S. Hicks, D. M. Ward, J. M. Robinson, F. B. Bangs, B. S. Mills, B. S. Pratt, N. Fassett. C. T. Van Antwerp. A. E. Ketchum, E. Marble, S. Steele, J. P. Force. J. W. Cawthorne, N. L. Brockway, C. H. Howe, D. S. Haviland, S. C. Woodard.—42,

20 *Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?*

Yes, and each name called in open Conference.

21 *Have Any Died?*

Yes, Wm. Doust, W. S. Foster.

22 *Have Any Been Transferred and to what Conferences?*

Joseph Wilks to Liberia; J. E. Gilbert to Indiana; E. E. McKay to Rock River; R. Phillips to Puget Sound; S. G. Blanchard to S. California; H. P. Blake to W. Wisconsin and O. B. Whitmore to Oregon.

23 *Have Any Withdrawn?*

Yes, N. Saunders to Presbyterian Church.

24 *Have Any Been Located at Their Own Request?*

Yes, A. P. Morrison.

25 *Have Any Been Located?*

No.

26 *Have Been Permitted to Withdraw Under Charges?*

Yes, J. M. Whitney.

27 *Have Any Been Expelled?*

Yes, A. J. Russell.

28 *Who Are The Triers of Appeals?*

G. S. Hickey, W. I. Cogshall, A. M. Gould, H. M. Joy, I. R. A. Wightman, G. W. Tuthill, G. D. Lee.—7.

29 *What Is The Statistical Report?*

See statistics.

30 *What Are The Claims on The Conference Fund?*

See Stewards Report.

31 *What Has Been Received on These Claims, And How Has It Been Applied?*

See Stewards Report.

32 *Where Are The Preachers Stationed?*

See Appointments.

33 *Where Shall The Next Conference Be Held?*

At Kalamazoo.

APPOINTMENTS.

[The figures indicate the year of service now entered upon.]

ALBION DISTRICT, A. A. KNAPPEN, P. E., 3.

Albion, C. L. Barnhart	1
Battle Creek, G. S. Hickey	2
Bellevue, G. A. Odlum	2
Concord, E. D. Bacon	2
Hanover and Moscow, F. L. Thompson	1
Homer, P. J. Maveety	2
Jackson, Cooper St., J. J. Hartley	2
Jackson, First church, W. Gardner	2
Jackson, Haven church, G. S. Barnes	2
Leroy, John Hoyt	2
Leslie, G. W. Tuthill	1
Liberty, W. P. Mosher	1
Litchfield, W. M. Coplin	1
Marengo, Wm. Prouty	2
Marshall, E. Cooley	3
Mosherville, M. F. Loomis	2
Olivet and Partello, D. L. Thomas	1
Parma, W. M. Colby	3
Penfield, Jas. Webster	1
Springport, H. P. Henderson	1
Tekonsha, L. M. Edmonds	1
Winfield, J. W. Steffe	1

R. C. Welch, Professor in Albion College, and member of Albion Quarterly Conference.

J. H. Potts, Editor of Michigan Christian Advocate and member of Jackson, First Church, Qt. Conference.

C. E. Mitchell, J. A. Bready, left without appointment to attend school, and members of Albion Qt. Conference.

COLDWATER DISTRICT, D. ENGLE, P. E., 3.

Allen, O. S. Paddock	2
Athens, supplied, by S. George	1
Bronson, W. H. Parsons	1
Burlington, N. D. Marsh	1
Burr Oak, to be supplied	
Butler, sup'd, by J. R. Skinner	2
Cambria, Edwin Tench	1
Camden, Thos. Nicholson	2
Centerville, John Clubine	2
Coldwater, H. M. Joy	1
Colon, Jacob Marzolf	1
Constantine, S. C. Strickland	1
Gilead, supplied by E. Hunt	1
Girard, C. W. Jones	1
Hillsdale, M. D. Carrel	1
Jonesville, Wm. Denman	2
Kinderhook, E. D. Young	1
North Adams, E. L. Kellogg	3
Osseo, supplied by D. Foote	1
Quincy, Louis Grosenbaugh	2
Ransom, supplied by M. J. Brownell	1
Reading, W. M. Paddock	2
Sturgis, N. L. Bray	2
Union City, J. F. Orwick	1
White Pigeon, John Klose	1

E. A. Whitwam, teacher in the Western Reserve Seminary, member of the Coldwater Quarterly Conference.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT, D. F. BARNES, P. E., 1.

Allegan, J. J. McAllister..... 1
Augusta, N. M. Steele........ 3
Banfield, W. A. Bass......... 1
Bloomingdale, E. V. Armstrong 3
Climax, S. D. McKee......... 2
Comstock, sup'd by J. Donelson 1
Cooper, O. D. Watkins........ 1
Douglass, A. N. Eldred....... 2
Fennville, R. Shire........... 1
Galesburg, E. S. Mechesney... 3
Kalamazoo, A. M. Gould...... 2
Kendall, to be supplied
Lakota, O. H. Perry.......... 1
Martin, L. W. Calkins........ 2
Mendon, L. De Lamarter...... 3
Millgrove, to be supplied.
Monterey, D. W. Fow........
Oshtemo, E. H. Day..........
Otsego, A. T. Ferguson.......
Parkville, E. H. King........
Plainwell, E. A. Tanner.......
Prairieville, D. G. Bruce.......
Richland, W. P. French.......
Schoolcraft, D. W. Parsons....
South Haven, Geo. B. Kulp...
Three Rivers, J. W. Reid.....
Vicksburgh, H. B. Hunt......
Waukeshma & Nottawa Ind. Mission, S. Kitzmiller......

Judson Clancey and Paul Desjardins to attend school, and member of Kalamazoo Quarterly Conference.

NILES DISTRICT, I. TAYLOR, P. E., 4.

Bangor & Breedsville, G. A. Buell..................... 2
Benton Harbor, L. W. Earle... 2
Berrien Springs, Joshua White 2
Bridgeman & Stevensville, Wm Douglass................. 1
Buchanan, C. G. Thomas...... 3
Cassopolis, G. C. Elliott....... 1
Coloma, R. C. Wilkinson...... 2
Dayton, sup. by W. L. Jakway. 2
Decatur, W. J. Hathaway..... 2
Dowagiac, A. D. Newton...... 3
Edwardsburg, L. S. Matthews.. 1
Hartford, H. H. Parker....... 1
Keeler and Silver Creek, G. W. Gosling...............
La Grange, J. R. Odin.......
Lawrence, H. C. Chamberlain. .
Lawton, Uri Mason..........
Marcellus, C. H. Fisher.......
Mattawan, W. W. Lamport....
New Buffalo and Three Oaks, E. B. Patterson............
Niles, I. R. A. Wightman.....
Paw Paw, J. H. Tanner... ...
Pipestone, Sup. by J. Gentzler .
Pokagon, Isaiah Wilson......
St. Joseph, G. L. Cole........
Vandalia, J. W. Buell.........

J. M. Reid Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, member of Niles Quarterly Conference.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT, J. I. BUELL, P. E., 1.

Ada, To be supplied.
Ashland, W. A. Frye.......... 2
Berlin & Lamont, J. W. Horner 3
Byron Center and Dorr Center A. J. Wheeler........... .. 3
Caledonia, Sup, by C. J. Sonnema....................... 1
Cannonsburg, To be supplied.
Casnovia. A. J. VanWyck..... 2
Cedar Springs, T T. George... 1
Coopersville, D. Cronk........
Grand Haven, W. W. Rork....
Grand Rapids, Ames Church, R. C. Crawford...............
Grand Rapids, Division St., J. Graham....................
Grand Rapids, East St. J. W. H. Carlisle.................
Grand Rapids, Plainfield Ave. William Puffer.............

Grand Rapids, Second St. J. A. Sprague	1
Grandville. A. M. Griffith	1
Hastings. W. A. Hunsberger	3
Hastings Circuit. A. K. Stewart	2
Holland. H. D. Jordan	1
Irving. Sup. by W. T. Roland	1
Middleville. J. E. White	2
North Muskegon. J. N. Dayton	3
Muskegon, W. J. Aldrich	1
Newaygo, J. G. Crosier	1
Nunica, Sup. by T. J. Hankinson	1
Ravenna. W. G. Talbert	1
Rockford. Geo. Varion	1
Sparta. A. Hunsberger	2
Spring Lake, Sup. by J. W. Rawlinson	2
Ventura. Sup. by Thos. Rible	1
Wayland and Bradley Ind. Miss. W. E. Golding	1

A. H. Gillett. Agent of Sunday School Union for the North-west Member of Division St. Quarterly Conference.

IONIA DISTRICT, A. P. MOORS, P. E., 1

Alma—F. N. Janes	1
Belding—L. B. Kenyon	1
Bowne—J. W. White	1
Carson City L. M. Garlick	1
Coral, J. R. Bowen	1
Danby, J. A. Weyant	1
Edmore, D. C. Riehl	2
Elm Hall. John Hills	1
Freeport. R. R. Floody	1
Greenville. G. D. Lee	2
Greenville Circuit. J. B. Knott	1
Hubbardston. D. C. Woodard	2
Ionia, Levi Master	2
Lake View, J. W .Sutton	1
Langston. sup. by A. J. Comdon	3
Lowell. J. W. Davids	2
Lyons & Muir, Jehiel Gulick	2
Orange. O. E. Wightman	1
Orleans. F. A. VanDeWalker	1
Palo. T. H. Jacokes	2
Saint Louis. Geo. Donaldson	1
Saranac. Wm. Judd	2
Sheridan, sup. by Rob't Young	1
Stanton. H. S. Bargelt	2
Vergennes & Keene A. W. Burns	1
Woodland, W. J. Swift	1

LANSING DISTRICT, JAS. HAMILTON, P. E., 3.

Bath. G. L. Mount	3
Breckenridge, sup. by F. Simmons	
Charlotte. W. H. Thompson	1
Dewitt. sup. by Wm. Taylor	1
Eagle. J. W. McAllister	1
Eaton C't. sup. by F. B. Bangs	2
Eaton Rapids. W. I Cogshall	3
Elsie. Stephen Nelson	1
Fowler. F. F. Bliss	2
Grand Ledge. C. C. Olds	1
Gresham. A. H. Sturgis	1
Ithica. C. A. Jacokes	1
Lansing. Cen'l Ch., M. M. Callen	1
First Church. Thos. Riley	1
Maple Rapids, I. B. Tallman	1
Mason, F. L. McCoy	2
Nashville, Thos. Cox	2
Okemos. A. E. North	1
Ovid. G. C. Draper	2
Portland. J. W. Miller	1
Potterville. Eli Wigle	1
St. Johns. R. H. Bready	2
Shepardsville. L, W. Bacon	1
Sickles. sup. by A. E. Boynton	1
Tompkins. J. H. Thomas	2
Vermontville, B. E. Paddock	2
Wacousta. A. E. Craig	1

E. H. Dissette, Temperance Ag't, member of St. John's Quarterly Conference.

Albion College

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT, J. C. FLOYD, P. E., 1

Big Rapids, J. W. Hallenbeck	3
Calkinsville & Isabella Indian Mission, H. S. Taft	3
Chase, Baldwin & Riverton Indian Mission, C. H. Theobald	1
Clare, W. N. Younglove	2
Coleman & Sanford, supplied by E. A. Treadgold	1
Evart, M. W. F. Smith	1
Freesoil, G. E. Matthews	1
Freemont & White Cloud, James Roberts	1
Gladwin, S. C. Tiney	1
Harrison, R. A. Wright	1
Hart, A. H. Gamble,	1
Hersey, sup. by Geo. Killean	2
Hesperia, James Draper	1
Holton, sup. by A. S. Jenkins	2
Howard City, E. F. Newell	1
Ludington, J. K. Stark	2
Luther, H. R. Hawley	1
Manistee, C. S. Fox	2
Mill Brook, G. H. Lockhart,	1
Montague, M. W. Knapp,	2
Morley, C. W. Smith	3
Mount Pleasant, G. L. Haight	2
Pentwater, J. C. Beach	2
Pierson, E. T. Lumber	3
Reed City, G. Daniels	2
Salt River, Thomas Young	1
Shelby, J. S. Valentine	1
Stanwood, supplied by James Robinson.	
Summit, supplied by A. A. Darling	1
Whitehall, William Hansom	2

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT, W. R. STINCHCOMB, P. E., 3

Almira and Inland, supplied by L. Kenney	1
Bear Lake, To be supplied	
Bellaire, R. M. Middleton	3
Benzonia, sup. by J. T. Glover	2
Boyne, sup. by A. L. Thurston	2
Cadillac, A. J. Eldred	1
Cadillac Circuit, D. A. Green	3
Charlevoix, J. T. Iddings	3
Cross Villiage, sup. by E. Eagle	2
Elk Rapids, O. J. Golden	2
Elmira, sup. by O. W. Wallace	1
Empire, Thomas Tindall	1
Fife Lake, S. P. Hewitt	2
Frankfort, E. G. Stevens	2
Harbor Springs, sup. by S. Slyter	1
Kalkaska, To be supplied.	
Lake City, J. M. Smith	2
LeRoy, sup. by J. F. McKinlay	2
Mancelonia, J. C. Ambrose	2
Manton, B. H. Whitman	1
Monroe Center, A. R. Keillor	3
Northport & Northport Indian Mission sup. by N. C. Colter	1
Norwood, G. W. Howe	2
Oviatt, to be supplied	
Petoskey, Geo. W. Sherman	
Petoskey c't. sup. by. E. Wood	1
Petoskey Indian Mission supplied by J. R. Robinson	2
Sherman, F. J. Freeman	1
South Arm, to be supplied	
South Frankfort, R. W. Tindall	1
Spencer Creek, A. W. Bushee	1
Traverse City, Robert Shorts	1
Traverse City Circuit supplied by George Youker	
Williamsburg, Willard Heath	2

A. R. Boggs, Missionary to Dakota.

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REPORTS.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Sept. 25, 1885.

In the case of the Rev. A. J. Russell, the committee to whom the case was referred for trial beg leave to report; that having carefully considered the evidence presented, it was *Resolved*, That the evidence sustains the several specifications, and that the specifications sustained, sustain the charge of immorality, and farther,

Resolved, That the Rev. A. J. Russell be and he is hereby expelled from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

T. H. JACOKES, Pres. IRA R. A. WIGHTMAN, Sec'y.

L. DODDS REPORT.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Sept. 29, 1885.

To the Bishop and Members of the Michigan Annual Conference:

Your committee appointed to examine and report on charge and specifications formulated against the Rev. L. Dodds of this Conference by Thomas Cayton, complainant, beg leave to present the following as findings in the case:

Specification one under the charge is sustained. Specifications two and three are not sustained, and the charge of immorality, lying and dishonesty is sustained, and the decree of the court is that Rev. L. Dodds be suspended for one year from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

P. J. MAVEETY, Secretary. C. C. OLDS, Chairman.

B. S. PRATT REPORT.

GRAND RAPIDS, SEPT. 26, 1885.

Your committee to which was referred the case of Rev. B. S. Pratt, beg leave to report, that while we regard the defendant somewhat blameworthy, we think the case of insufficient gravity to demand a formal trial.

We, therefore recommend a dismissal of the charges and the passage of his character.

G. S. BARNES,
C. S. FOX,
E. D. BACON,
G. W. TUTHILL.
} COMMITTEE.

W. R. STINCHCOMB REPORT.

The "select number" to whom was referred the charges against Rev. W. R. Stinchcomb, would respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same. After argument by counsel the first two specifications were stricken out, and by consent of both parties the fourth and fifth specifications were also stricken out. Testimony was then taken, which, with the entire proceedings of the committee, are hereby presented.

The third specification was not sustained, the vote being 12 against sustaining it and two for sustaining it.

The sixth specification also was not sustained by the same vote.

And the charge was not sustained.

J. M. REID, Ch'm.

F. L. MCCOY, Sec'y.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN. Your committee whom you have ordered to report the condition of the church throughout our bounds, beg leave to report as follows:

Touching the financial state of the church, we note with very great pleasure the advance made in the erection and improvement of our churches and parsonages as the reports of the Presiding Elders and Statistician indicate. But we find one fact in this connection not so pleasant to contemplate or report, viz: the increase of indebtedness upon our church property. The Michigan Conference has learned by a very sad experience that church debts are "no friends to grace to help us on to God." In 1882 we reached the lowest point in the debt column that we have known for many years, which was $22931. Since that date we have increased the weight of this burden over $7000 a year. At present it is $44,313, having nearly doubled in three years Brethren these things ought not so to be. This very somber feature of our report is relieved somewhat by the fact that we record an increase in our benevolent collections, and an increase which is greater than the increase of members. From 1882 to 1884 the membership increased 586 and the benevolent collections above $4000 or from above $23000 to above $27000.

The past year however, notwithstanding the stringency in the finances of the country exceeds all its predecessors, in this respect, the increase over the former year being somewhere from 33 to 40 per cent.

As to the spiritual condition of the church, from the best information at our command we believe it is improving. With the increaseed consecration of money to benevolent objects and the rapid extension of the church abroad, there has come upon the church the spirit of consecration, both among the ministers and the laity, many of them realizing all the fullness of christian experience. Yet while your committee make this report with pleasure and devout thankfulness to God we feel that we would be untrue to the trust committed to us were we to fail to speak of what seems to us to be grave perils, or at least tendencies that threaten to prevent our highest usefulness in tilling the Lord's vineyard. There seems to us to be an increasing laxity in the administration of discipline. Is it not time that we remember the vow we have all taken that we will "not mend but keep our rules, not for wrath but for conscience sake.

Another still greater peril is found in the spirit of worldliness and self seeking in the matter of appointments; many charges clamouring loudly for the best man without regard to the wants of other places. Brethren how can we wonder at this if our greatest concern is for ourselves. May not the cause of the lack of revivals and of spiritual power we so often deplore, be found here. We cannot reasonably hope for the greatest spiritual triumphs while the church is trusting in great preachers, and the pastors are giving to prominent charges the confidence that is due to God only.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. L. KELLOGG,
Chairman.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

The Conference Board of Stewards would respectfully report that the Michigan Annual Conference now has 59 claimants on the Superannuated funds. Of these, 26 are Superannuated preachers, 32 widows and one orphan. There are 5 widows who present no claim.

Received:

From Parkhurst Fund	$ 18 55
From Parkhurst Fund carried over from last year	1 21
From Book Concern	331 00
From Methodist Publishing Company	150 00
From Chartered Fund	30 00
From Conference Collection	92 18
From Charges	4138 35
Total	$4,761 29

Disbursed as follows:

For Incidentals	$ 58
To Conference Treasurer for money advanced to Rev. C. Chick whose claim was overlooked last year	69 27

Rev. T. Clark	$119 12	Mrs. Wm. Ball	89 87
Rev. I. Bennett	119 12	Mrs. E. Beard	89 87
Rev. F. Gage	119 12	Mrs. D. D. Gillett	89 87
Rev. S. Steele	119 12	Mrs. L. H. Burns	89 87
Rev. H. Morgan	119 12	Mrs. G. B. Jocelyn	89 87
Rev. F. Glass	119 12	Mrs. Laura A. Bronson	89 87
Rev. J. H. Pitezel	119 12	Mrs. Mary E. Hall	89 87
Rev. J. T. Robe	119 12	Mrs. Rosina Bignall	89 87
Mrs. J. W. Robinson	119 65	Rev. J. S. Harder	59 56
Mrs. W. H. Perrine	119 65	Rev. L. M. Bennett	59 56
Mrs. E. H. Child	119 65	Rev. I. H. Skinner	59 56
Mrs. V. G. Boynton	119 65	Rev. E. Marble	59 56
Mrs. M. I. Smith	119 65	Rev. A. A. Dunton	59 56
Mrs. G. A. Phillips	119 80	Rev. G. W. Hoag	59 56
Mrs. E. C. Chambers	119 65	Mrs. A. T. Gray	60 09
Rev. F. B. Bangs	89 34	Mrs. E. Cleghorn	60 09
Rev. C. T. VanAntwerp	89 34	Mrs. T. J. Congdon	60 09
Rev. J. H. Richards	89 34	Mrs. J. Boynton	60 09
Rev. D. M. Ward	89 34	Mrs. Mary Worthington	60 09
Rev. J. W Cawthorne	89 34	Mrs. E. A. Staples	60 09
Rev. Noah Fassett	89 34	Mrs. Wm. Doast	60 09
Rev. L. J. Griffin	89 34	Rev. Jas. Draper	29 78
Rev. A. C. Beach	89 34	Rev. D. R. Latham	29 78
Mrs. M. A. Wilson	89 87	Rev. C. Chick	29 78
Mrs. W. W. Elder	89 87	Mr Charlie Austin	29 78
Mrs. J. Greensted	89 87	Rev A. Wakefield	29 78
Mrs. Matilda Mount	89 87	Mrs. G. L. Gilbert	30 31

Mrs. W. F. Jenkins.....	30 31	Mrs. Wm. McKnight....	53
Mrs. B. F. Doughty.....	30 31	Mrs. I. Cogshall........	53
Mrs. R. Sapp...........	31 31	Mrs. M. B. Camburn....	53
Mrs. J. Jennings........	30 31	MRS. F. D. Hemenway...	53
Mrs. W. S. Foster.......	25 53		
Mrs. J. Jones...........	53	Total............	$4,761 29

G. W. GOSLING, Ch'm.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

There are three great facts which the progressive church of every age must heed:

1. Ignorance is a sin. The mental eye needs light as truly as the bodily eye, and both are useless without it. The conditions of manhood necessitate education.

2. The christian college determines the social status of the church, and measures and decides its moral and religious influence.

3. To "teach all nations" is the absolute duty of the church, which it would be treason to neglect. But to execute this command, she must rely upon the baptized brains of her children. We gratefully acknowledge the beneficent moral and religious influence the church has secured through Albion College. and the rich compensation she has given us in return for our material expenditures; but the inspection of the great needs of our church in this state dictates a still broader policy of benevolence. We rejoice in the increased confidence in the work and mission of the college manifested during the year, by the princely gifts of some honored citizens, and we pray that this generous impulse may become contagious. We urge all our ministers to exhort all God's trustees "to make the Lord an heir."

The religious influence of the college has been always gratifying, and no student at Albion, as at an other place, ever asked his teacher what is God? and received the answer, God is only a big G, a little o and a little d, and that is all that men know about Him!

If the fires of religion shall ever pale on our college altars, and vital Godliness desert our educational centers, or disloyalty to the immortal standards of our church taint the minds of those in authority, then our schools instead of being a blessing shall be an unmixed evil. But while we recommend that our trustees carefully scrutinize the moral status of every teacher, yet we insist that no man is fit to hold a college chair who cannot quicken the mental life, and make his department flame with enthusiasm and throb with intellectual impulse.

We are pleased to hear of the signal prosperity of Garrett Biblical Institute, and sympathize with the professors in their efforts to raise the standard of scholarship to the highest possible grade. "Theology is truly the complement of the sciences;" hence the need of previous classical and scientific training. We are pleased to learn that Bay View has been recognized as the Chautauqua centre of Michigan, and we earnestly request all our ministers to place their churches in connection with this great effort to popularize literary and scientific knowledge.

We nominate as visitors to Albion College: L. DeLamarter, W. J. Hathaway, W. H. Thompson. Garrett Biblical Institute: H. P. Henderson, W. I. Cogshall. Trustees of Albion College: W. H. Brockway, H. E. Staples.

In behalf of Committee, F. L. McCOY.

We desire to add to our report on Education the following:

1st. According to the provision of the General Conference, and the recommendation of the Board of Managers of the Asbury Centenary Association and the Trustees of Albion College, we will faithfully observe the last Thursday in January as a day of prayer for colleges in all our churches, presenting particularly the work and wants of our own college to the prayerful attention of our people. And this we do the more readily and gladly because God, who hears prayer, has granted signal blessings to many of the literary institutions of this country in answer to the united petitions of his people offered upon this day. We will do all in our power, consistent with our other work, to organize our Sunday schools and churches around Albion college, calling the attention of our young people to it, urging them to avail themselves of its advantages in securing a liberal education, and securing, wherever practicable, members in our Sunday schools to the Library Association; and members, life members, honorary managers, patrons, and benefactors to the Asbury Centenary Association.

2d. We will freely admit the agent of Albion college to our pulpits, and to the utmost of our ability co-operate with him in his efforts to increase the endowment and influence of the institution.

3d. We nominate Rev. J. A. Sprague, Rev. Levi Master, M. J. Biglow, Esq., and W. P. Sidnam, Esq., whose terms of office as members of the Board of Managers of the Asbury Centenary Association at this time expire, to fill the vacancies so made.

PERIODICALS.

The Methodist Episcopal church sends forth from its presses one Review, one Cosmopolitan and seven Supplementary Advocates, two German and one Sweedish paper also a full equipments of Sunday School apparatus. Each publication is unexceptional in character and in literary quality; in religious tone the periodicals of the church are worthy competitors of the best christian literature in this or any other land.

Investigation based upon the figures of 1883 gives an exhibit of 198 religious weeklies published in this country, having an aggregate circulation of 1,307,892, of these 166 are strictly evangelical with a circulation of 1,039,671. The remainder, 32 in number, being Roman chatholic sheets with an issue of 268,221, the evangelical weeklies outnumbering the papal papers four-fold. The papers passing under the head of unevangelical are five in number with an issue of 30,750 or 33 times less than the evangelical weeklies, and 42 times less than the whole religious press. The infidel press with its vaunted progress and boasted mission has 9 periodicals, with an issue of 55,874, or 22½ times behind the religious press.

Of the evangelical weeklies 240,490 copies or 4.28 of the whole are under the patronage of the M. E. churches of the country. The total circulation of the Methodist press as a whole is given at 355,345. The only worthy competitor in this field of weeklies is the Baptist church, which has 30 papers with a circulation of 179,497, as against 44 Methodist papers with an issue of 355,345. The Presbyterian church has 22 papers, circulation 155,727.

Our own church is not a whit behind in the number or character of this class of literature. The official papers having a larger average than those of any other. The average circulation being 21,000; of the unofficial 5,199; Baptist 5,983; Presbyterian 7,078; Episcopal 5,942; Undenominational 4,376. This exhibit speaks well for strictly denominational periodicals. The official papers have a circulation four-fold that of the unofficial, five times greater than those undenominational.

To this array of weeklies must be added another class equally potent as a factor in the promotion of religious culture and life, the monthlies, bi-monthlies and quartlies. In numbers and relative issue, the Baptist denominations take the lead, having 12 monthlies with a circulation of 31,720 as against Methodism with 7 monthlies and an issue of only 6,500, one-fifth of the Baptist periodicals of this character. It ought to be borne in mind that if we except from these computations those which are purely missionary in character the showing would be more nearly equal. They are distributed among the evangelical churches 52 monthlies, 6 semi-monthlies and 4 quarterlies with an aggregate circulation of the two former of 204,604 and of the latter 5,750. The aggregate of all the literature of this class showing monthly and semi-monthly, 250,259, and of quarterlies 21,450 in circulation. Thus we have 252 periodicals with an aggregate circulation of 1,311,380 annually, sent forth in the name of the common christianity of the country, the true leaven of the gospel in relation to all the varied phases of popular thought and opinion. A marvelous showing, startling in proportion as we view it. But what is this in contrast with the great secular press, 252 as against 8,579 and 795 of them dailies equivalent to 11,523 weeklies. If we extend the contrast by considering the vast circulation of the great dailies, the New York *Sun* alone issuing a larger aggregate in two weeks than all the sum of the religious periodicals in one year.

It has been estimated that three-fourths of the given issue of a religious paper passes to actual subscribers and are read upon an average by three individuals in each family. Upon this basis there are 779,754 subscribers and 2,339,262 readers of the evangelical papers. If we assume nine-tenths of the monthlies and semi-monthlies find two readers each, that will give 450,488 readers and as the quarterlies will necessarily find a larger number of readers in proportion to the issue we may assume 5,000 readers to the 5,750 issued and we have an aproximate estimate of 2,794,730 readers of the evangelical literature of the land. If this is anywhere near the actual case it is manifest that the proportion of readers to the christian population is very small indeed. Of the 8,500,000 evangelical christians in this country, only 2,794.730 are readers of its periodical literature, or about one-third.

In the matter of the ratio of patronage of the periodicals of the several denominations, the following table gives an idea:

Presbyterians	22	papers,	circulating	155.727	1	for	each	3.85	member
Episcopal	13	"	"	77,250	1	"	"	4.43	"
Methodist	44	"	"	358,345	1	"	"	8.16	"
Congregational	7	"	"	45,650	1	"	"	8.40	"
M. E. church	8	"	"	168,158	1	"	"	9.99	"
Baptist	30	"	"	179,498	1	"	"	12.	"
R. Catholic	32	"	"	268,221	1	"	"	23.75	"

It is a matter for congratulation that there are indications of an increase in the patronage of our denominational literature, and especially that the Review shows an accession of over a thousand additional subscribers, though instead of a circulation of 5,000 that excellent work ought to be 10,000 at least. We indorse the wisdom evinced in the purchase of the series of missionary periodicals, "The Gospel in all Lands," "The Missionary World" and "The Little Missionary." We hail the dawn of a new era; there is a charm for the christian in contemplating the broad field of missions which secures for that class of literature a quite general reading.

To say the press is a power is to utter a hackneyed phrase. It is the all pervading lever behind the material progress of the day, and utilized, it may become and ought to be equally an instrument in moral and religious progress. The secular press is indeed secular, with few exceptions being a merely business enterprise, having a commercial soul, a sordid motive and a truckling partisan spirit. Not seldom atheistic, often embellished with literary corruption, generally cynical, and and chronically out of accord with high religious sentiment. Yet it is the one over-shadowing dominant power in the land: occupying its legitimate sphere, as the recorder of current history, its function must be conceded; but when it steps out of that line and lays unholy hands upon things too high for it, it becomes an enemy to the truth and an unsafe monitor in our homes.

The demand of the times is for a more general patronage of reliable christian periodicals, They supplement the pulpit and are a constant pastoral visit in the homes to which they come. They are the christian's library, his counselors and give to him the companionship of the best minds of the church.

While we deplore the fact that in the patronage of its weekly periodicals our church only ranks the fifth, and in the matter of monthlies is so far outdistanced as to be practically out of consideration, we hail the dawn of a new era and rejoice in the very satisfactory exhibit of the financial stability and progress of of the Book Concerns as submitted to us. Respectfully Submitted,

W. H. THOMPSON,
G. S. BARNES,
J. W. H. CARLISLE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN. Your committee on Temperance does not come to offer fine spun theories or meaningless platitudes on the temperance question, but rather to aver that it has an important place in our social, political and religious life. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has formulated her verdict against rum-selling and rum-drinking, as a crime, and the Michigan Conference has for the last thirty-two years made an annual minute on the temperance question and declared in pronounced terms against the manufacture, traffic and use of spirituous or malt liquors as a beverage. The church has not only been progressive but aggressive, the fruits of which we see in the publication of the progressive thought of temperance writers in the religious journals; and the activity of the church and of its friends has driven its enemies to assume the defensive and organize for an active crusade against temperance reforms. Hence the question now is, and must continue to be, not only a war of words, but the marshalling of force against force.

Moral suasion, in the early history of the temperance reformation, was considered sufficient to dry up this fountain of iniquity, but it soon became apparent that the lust for gold and the power of appetite would not yield to sympathetic entreaties, nor to the irresistible logic of statistics as they painted the hideous pictures of the traffic in rum.

Temperance orators, literature and song have had a grand and important mission in bringing to the front men and women, whose social, intellectual and moral power has been an inspiration to others and educated the public mind and conscience in the direction of an ultimate, if not a speedy solution of this question.

Intemperance is the sin of this age, the scourge of nations, a dark spot on our civilization. Its victims, in our country, are counted by the hundred thousands, its cost in dollars, by the hundred millions and its debasement of public and private morals is unparalled in History.

The bard of Avon three centuries ago drew this ugly picture of the demon, rum, in these graphic lines:

"To be now a sensible
Man, by and by, a fool, presently
A beast! Every inordinate cup
Is unblessed and the ingredient is a devil.
Oh, thou invisible spirit of wine,
If thou hast no name to be known by, let
Us call thee, devil.—(Shakespeare's Othello.)

If the spirit of fermentated wine three centuries ago was sufficiently devastating and damnable to be called devil, what shall we call the unknowable character of the distilled products of grain and fruits, drugged with the elements of death, by a legion of incarnate fiends? Its spirit is fiendish, defiant, shameless, heartless and is unmoved at the wails of woe coming up from ten thousand desolate hearth-stones. We remonstrate against this wholesale butchery of fathers, husbands and sons in the name of humanity and of God. What cares the liquor traffic for God and humanity, while its tills are filled with dimes stained with the blood of murdered victims?

Again, we remonstrate, that the liquor traffic multiplies widows and orphans, ravishes human hearts, dements the intellect, stultifies conscience, robs our boys of honor, manhood and character makes them lunatics and moral lepers, and then turns them loose upon society to scatter moral desolation and death. The remonstrants, chagrined and mortified, are told by the dealer in rum, that he administers his iniquitous calling under the sanction and seal of the state.

In the presence of, and confronted with such a relentless foe to peace and happiness, what is the christian man's duty? This question too, should stir every American heart and be revolved in every peaceful Chistian home. To know how to rid ourselves of this moral pestilence has been the prayerful meditation and study of men and women of large hearts and broad culture, and still we hardly keep the enemy at bay. Temperance men have lectured, the church has preached and prayed, its friends have met in council to devise methods and means to checkmate the enemy and relieve ourselves of such a scourge and pestilence. Shall we be discouraged and cease our persuit of this our common foe running at large, desolating our fair land and destroying much of the moral fruitage of our christian husbandry? No! We may congratulate ourselves, the church and country on the growth of the temperance sentiment, on the harmony and unainmity of temperance workers, on which we may predicate that the temperance question has come to stay while conscienceless men manufacture and sell the accursed stuff.

We anticipate the end of this evil as we shall educate the coming generation to the sentiment and practice of total abstinence from all intoxicants and dry up the saloon business, ruling it out of society as unlawful, unprofitable and disreputable. Legal Probibition is the conception of the church, of secular temperance societies and leagues all over the land. Crafty and corrupt politicians boosted into places of power and trust by the whiskey ring, take the alarm and keep themselves in an attitude to beat a hasty retreat in the presence of a likely defeat. The mission of the temperance cause now is to extend the prohibition sentiment, aggregating its forces until we are able to beat the enemy at the ballot box, which has been *his* method of warfare from the commencement of these hostilities. We cannot see the end of this unbearable evil until prohibition is a fact in the organic and statute laws of the state. But this is not in sight till a majority of the people voting declare for it. A recent writer, Bishop Morrill, says: "The real work to be done is in creating, exciting and concentrating public sentiment. The people must be stirred up to think, must be educated, aroused, alarmed. It must strike a deeper sentiment than that which allies them to party or determins their choice of policy in ordinary legislation." This paragraph from the Bishop seems pertinent to the question of prohibition since no permanent and lasting good is achieved without a majority of electors to pronounce against the rum traffic through the ballot box.

Prohibition, carried without a conviction and conversion to the real spirit of temperance is only a brush on the skirmish line. We cannot expect victory in a day. Great and radical reforms have came by continued agitation, and the declaration of principles, and the adoption of such measures as commend themselves to the patriotism and morality of men of all shades of political opinions and parties. It is votes we want in the time of need, and only votes can secure the fact of prohibition. And yet to make prohibition permanent and enduring, let there be behind it a pronounced and unequivocal public sentiment for temperance as a virtue and duty. It must stand upon moral character. Hence the conception entertained by some that we can compel the enlistment of men to the cause of prohibition before they are converted to the real spirit of the question is of doubtful expediency. Harmony in our ranks, a united effort in the field can only bring victory to our arms. Let our tactics then be founded on the highest morality, the soundest philosophy, the purest statesmanship, the most elevated conceptions of ethics, and we shall not fail to drive the enemy from the field.

As a committee; we do not think resolutions necessary. Our church in her supreme council has put itself squarely in favor of statutory and constitutional prohibition of the rum traffic, by the creation of a higher temperance sentiment, and the ballot, and we are loyal sons of the church.

C. C. OLDS, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

Your committee to whom was referred the Sunday School and Tract cause, report as follows: We greatly rejoice in the increasing interest manifest in our Sunday school work, while we also sincerely deplore the lack of general interest in the tract cause.

The interest in the Sunday school work is variously shown. First by our statistical reports, more schools and still more scholars reported each year, presenting the strongest evidence of an aggressive movement and vigorous purpose to carry out the disciplinary requirements for the instruction of our youth in the holy scriptures. And then the increasing number of conversions, encourage the belief that the many thousand teachers in our schools are imbued with the spirit of Christ and are making this the prime end of their toils, the salvation of the children; that, as Methodists, they believe the Sunday school to be the vestibule of the church, and should open its doors directly into the portals of God's house and bring them in as lively members of the church.

To this end we urge that still greater care should be exercised in the selection of teachers. They should be both spiritual and wise. But spiritual as the first and most important qualification for the work. Teachers of unexceptionable purity of life and character who have some just estimate of the importance of such educational agency, and will strive to make the most of it. We urge greater care in the selection of books to go into the hands of our children; condemning such works as are frequently found in our libraries; that teach the consistency with a profession of religion of the popular amusements of the day. We know that such books are in our libraries, because, perhaps of their cheapness, and we know the harm they do. We recommend that our Sunday schools sing our songs, and get and use, as soon as practicable, the recently published edition by the Book Concern. We recommend a more general use of the Methodist Catechism, that our children may know better our doctrines, and receive a more general religious training. We urge the use of the bible in our schools, where it should be, and teach the children reverence for the sacred book, which cannot be done without its presence in class work. We recommend that, along with the other qualifications of the teacher, he or she shall be loaded with tracts, such as the church publishes by the million, and be ready to place them where they will do good.

The teacher should have a pocket for tracts, and never be without a good wise selection. We have reasons to believe that this means of good is greatly neglected to a degree lessening our usefulness. In missing opportunities of doing much good along the line of convincing and convicting. We believe it to be the duty of the pastor to make use of these weapons of warfare, and to see them placed in the hands of teachers who will use them, and supply his tract committees, who should have something more to do than merely fill and ornament the records of the quarterly conference.

GEO. D. LEE,
A. D. NEWTON,
S. C. STRICKLAND.

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

It were utterly impossible to over-estimate the value of the Sabbath day, and its proper observence, to the church and the world. The highest prosperity of the church and the highest interests of the state are conditioned largely upon the sanctity of the Sabbath. It is also true that the highest interests of man, as an individual, or as one of society are dependent upon the proper observance of this sacred day.

But this institution, which is of such vital importance to all human interests, both for time and eternity, is being greatly endangered, principally from two sources.

1. From the positive and aggressive anti-Sabbath sentiment in the land. This sentiment becomes formidable, because it stands in unholy alliance with every other form of evil extant. It is the combination of this sentiment, with all the immorality, criminality, licentiousness intemperance and liberalism, which gives it its force.

This combination of forces would not only destroy our Sabbaths, but along with these, would destroy our churches and Sunday schools, annihilate the word of God, remove every vestige of christianity from the face of the earth, and if it were able, would mount the skies and dethrone the Eternal, and thus destroy every foundation of christian hope and joy.

This combination, in the interests of the liquor traffic, is demanding the removal of the restrictions put upon its nefarious business on the Sabbath, so that the day may be converted into one of bacchanalian revelry.

In the interest of greed and illegitimate gain, it would remove all Sabbath restrictions from ordinary business transactions, and rob the weary toiler of his much needed day of rest.

In the interest of the infidelity of the world, it would not only deprive the Sabbath of the protection ot its sacred scenes but would annihilate it altogether. And so in political caucuses and conventions, in liberalistic and infidel associations and publications, in communistic and socialistic societies it demands the destruction of the sanctity of God's holy day.

And this anti-Sabbath spirit not only manifests itself in its demands for the abrogation of all Sabbath laws, but also in its defiance of public sentiment, and in its open and flagrant desecration of the Sabbath day.

Hence we have Sunday excursions, Sunday beer-garden scenes, Sunday saloon business, Sunday evening "sacred concerts" by traveling opera troupes at 25cts a ticket, Sunday editions of the secular newspaper, containing as much of the filth of the world as it does on any other day of the week. Sunday gatherings of socialistic and communistic orders, so that the darkest record of all the week is sometimes made on God's holiest day. And the sad thing about it all is, that christian ministers have countenanced this desecration by riding on Sunday trains, and writing articles for the Sunday editions of the secular press, and we have church members who patronize the Sunday excursions, and who are just simple enough to be caught by a "sacred concert" on Sunday evening by a traveling opera troupe, or who stroll along the edge of a beer-garden scene "just to hear the beautiful music," and thus some of those who ought to be the first to defend the sanctity of the Sabbath, lend their influence to the work of its desecration.

2. But the Sabbath is in danger also from the general apathy of the church as to the fact and character of this terrible evil.

Notwithstanding the extent of this sin, where are the men who are caring very much about it? Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem, because of its sins, and because of the sad consequences that must come to it on account of them; who is weeping to-day over the cities of the land because of the extent and character of their Sabbath desecration, and the sad consequences that must, of necessity, come to them because of it? We have nothing like the vigorous, aggressive, persistent Sabbath sentiment that we ought to have.

The church seems to be looking on with comparative indifference while her enemies, Samson like, would break down this, one of the main pillars whereon the house of God standeth. What may we expect as the legitimate results of the growing extent of Sabbath desecration? What to the church? Less of power over the masses of the people, greater obstacles in the progress of her work, and the consequent loss of millions of souls who otherwise might be saved.

What as results to the state? The increase of vice, lawlessness, criminality, and disregard for sacred things until at least the very foundations of social order will be broken up, and a reign of terror come over the land.

We quote from the eloquent pen of Rev. Dr. Payne, of Ohio Wesleyan University. "I stood one golden Sabbath afternoon in May on the Champs Elysees in Paris. It was a scene of bewildering gayety. All Paris seemed to be out in holiday attire. Throngs of people crowded the fairy pleasure grounds. Children gamboled on nature's emerald carpet. Young men and old engaged in athletic sports, concerts and theatrical exhibitions drew crowds of all ages and both sexes into their bordered enclosures, bands of music lent enchantment to the bewitching scene. As I gazed upon this scene, enchanted and yet shocked, the great question of the future of America pressed upon my mind as never before. I took out my note book and wrote, what will the end be? shall our American Sabbath come to be like this?

There is evil in this fair-seeming form of social life, which this gay spectacular city shall yet reap the bitter fruits of. And may God preserve our own fair land from such a Sabbath and its attendants.

Not two years had passed when that very place of fairy-like beauty was ravaged by an infuriated mob, and stained with streams of human blood. And more, the participants in the pleasure of that gala Sabbath day were the very agents in the work of ruin and death. The ripened, bloody fruits of the commune, were budding, blossoming in the gay scenes which my eyes witnessed on that bright May Sabbath. Such is the fatal fallacy of attempting to improve character and christianize men by Sabbath pleasure seeking.

The beautiful statuary in the gardens thrown open to them on Sunday, about whose refining influence so much is said, was mutilated by their hands. The Louvre, with its splendid galleries of art and libraries, which according to their theories should have elevated them, was fired by the same ruthless hands.

The churches met with the same fate, and the ministers of Christ were murdered in cold blood, while the very name of God was openly derided. And yet we are asked gravely, and by men in high position, to try this same experiment which has proved so fatal to society in every instance in the history of man. Shall we run so fearful a hazard in face of the world's wisdom and the word of God?"

But what can we, as a body of clergymen do towards stemming this tide of Sabbath desecration which is setting in upon the land?

1. We can pronounce against it with unanimous voice.

2. As ministers of the gospel, we can preach against it with more of persistency and vigor than ever before. Oh, that by the inspiration of the Almighty our thoughts might flash like lightning, and every word become a thunderbolt when directed against this and all other sins of the people. We can urge our people to take higher grounds on the question of the sanctity of the Sabbath, and in other ways do much toward the development of a public sentiment which will stand like the dikes of Holland, against the encroachments of the sea. And by the adoption of this report, let us resolve to do these very things.

Your committee have received communications from the Commercial Travelers "Protective Association" and the W. C. T. U. Both of these have a department of work in the interest of the Sabbath, and its proper observance. In response to these we submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the movement for the social and moral elevation of the commercial travelers shall have our hearty support, and that we recommend to our churches the appointment of a committee to visit the principal hotels on Saturday evening and extend a personal invitation to all commercial travelers to attend devine service on the Sabbath.

2. *Resolved*, That we will also co-operate with the W. C. T. U. in all laudable efforts to maintain the sanctity of the Sabbath.

Respectfully Submitted,

LEVI MASTER,
G. W. SHERMAN.
W. HANSOM.
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

In view of the fact that we now have over 6.000,000 colored people in the south; and that everything indicates that they are likely to remain there; and the census shows that for the last twenty years the colored race of the south has increased 15 per cent. over the native white population, showing this people to be one of the most important elements likely to enter into the future history and destiny of this nation; and that God has so largely committed to our church the work of educating and training this people for an intelligent American citizenship; and that our work in this field has been so successful that Dr. Reid, who is so well qualified to judge, has said before this Conference that, in his judgment, no field of benevolent enterprise in our church has been so productive, and has yielded such large returns for its outlay. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, as pastors, pledge ourselves to endeavor to lay with increased earnestness this great work of our church upon the hearts of our people.

I. B. TALLMAN, Ch'n.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

There had been a commendable increase for several years in the offerings of our churches for the support of its needy superannuated ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. Last year was the revival year for the funds of this society. Our Conference, at its last session, had reason to congratulate the membership of our churches for their increased liberality. It was due largely to the systematic method introduced, and utilized by many of the charges of the Conference. "Historical Day" brought to the attention of many congregations the noble and self-sacrificing work done by our pioneer preachers. A debt of gratitude prompted an offering worthy of the men who laid the foundations of Michigan Methodism. A local history of many charges has been secured by the observance of this day, and the records gathered have laid a permanent obligation upon our people to care for those who have so freely given their energies to secure our present church advantages. It is very manifest that our church economy never designed that the ministry should be a money making business. The inquiry what is sufficient to give a "comfortable support" does not mean that the preacher should have a small salary, but that he should be a man of one work. His calling ought to furnish him with necessary supplies, and out of this support he is expected to be a princely giver to all benevolences. If the church would conserve this one business of the preacher, and permit him to meet the demands of his position, it must provide for the worthy itinerant when he is disqualified for the active work. The plan adopted two years ago, for the setting aside of a day for general observance, ought to be continued.

It is with regret that we record a decrease in the collections of this year. It was due largely to the fact that the time determined for its obsevrance came too early for many of our ministers who were appointed to new charges.

Your committee offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That "Historical Day" be observed by all of our churches on the first Sabbath of December next.

Resolved, That the Publishing Committee be requested to embody the list of questions adopted in 1883 in the next issue of the minutes.

Resolved, That the chairman of the Board of Stewards be the treasurer to whom collections may be forwarded in the interim of Conference, and that he be authorized to give vouchers for all money forwarded.

E. S. MECHESNEY, Sec. C. S. FOX, Chairman.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The bible lies at the foundation of all good government. Is the inspiration of all true moral reform, and in the fullest sense a religion of protestants. The American Bible Society has for its sole object a wider diffusion of the holy scriptures without note or comment. It seeks to provide copies of the scriptures in legible form, in the language of common life, and to disseminate them so far as it can be wisely done among all classes of people and in all lands to which access can be gained, whether christian, mohammedan or pagan. This society is unsectarian. Its entire work is essentially gratuitous and unremunerative. Since the year 1804 the bible societies alone have distributed one hundred and eighty-eight million copies of the Word of Life. Of this number, the American Bible Society has issued 45,440,206 copies in more than eighty languages or dialects, so that every quarter of the globe has been blessed by its ministrations. Its consignments to colporteurs, and grants to auxiliary and missionary societies, and to individuals in the United States last year, exceeded 440,000. It has supplied hundreds of thousands of volumes to emigrants as they reached our shores, and hundreds of thousands more to the freedmen, while it has paid special attention to the wants of the North American Indians. It has prepared, at great expense, the entire bible in raised letters for the blind. The missionary societies of the United States look to the bible society for generous aid in supplying them with the holy scriptures for the work of foreign evangelization. The total issues of the year, at home and in foreign lands, amount to 1,548,175 copies. Three years ago the society entered upon the work of the fourth supply of the United States. 3,073,355 families have already been visited. Such in brief is the grand work accomplished by the American Bible Society, for which we have reason to be thankful to Almighty God.

Your committee are impressed, however, that the work of the American Bible Society is not generally appreciated, since but a small minority of the charges in the Michigan Conference take the annual collection for the bible cause, and fewer still co-operate with the society in diffusing the word. Direct remittances to the treasury of the society are the exception and not the rule, generally the collections from the churches are paid over to the treasurer of the auxiliaries, and only the surplus left after the wants of their own fields are supplied, reach the society as donations.

Your committee are apprised that some of the preachers have little sympathy with this cause. On some charges the American Bible Society has not been named for years. The people have not been asked to give, and instances have been brought to the attention of the committee, where the people have asked that this interest should be presented and the pastors refused to give them an opportunity to make their offerings. On one charge the people took advantage of the absence of their pastor, and raised a handsome collection for this noble cause.

A mistaken impression prevails that this society has resources which make it independent of generous contributions from churches and individuals. The facts are, the receipts of the society for the past four years have fallen short of the expenditures by something over $255,000, and the managers are viewing with anxiety the heavy draft thus made upon the reserve fund, which is relied upon to continue the work without interruption or embarrassment from temporary diminution of income. The facilities of the society for circulating the scriptures were never greater than now. Through auxiliary societies, through benevolent and missionary organizations, though varied instrumentalities and agencies it is holding forth the word of life for the people of the United States and of the world.

In closing this report your committee would submit the following for your adoption:

WHEREAS, An impression more or less prevails, that the American Bible Society is independent of generous contributions from the friends of the cause, and

WHEREAS, The available receipts of the society have fallen short of its expenditures during the past four years, compelling the managers to view with anxiety the possibility of a diminution of its great work, unless larger contributions can be secured from churches and individuals. Therefore

Resolved, That we commend this cause to the confidence of our people, and recommend that an early collection be taken upon every charge. Respectfully submitted.

GEO. L. COLE, Chairman.

INCORPORATION.

Your committe to whom was referred the question of incorporating this Annual Conference, deemed the subject of such importance that they sought the aid of counsel learned in the law, and as a result of advice given them and of careful consideration they would most respectfully report that by the statutes of this state ample and general power is given this body to become incorporated without additional legislation. By the terms of "an act to provide for the exercise by religious societies of corporate powers for certain purposes, approved, March 12, 1875, as amended, it is provided, that when there is organized within this state any diocese, synod, conference, district, or other organization, being an association of congregations or societies of a religious denomination, which shall desire to possess corporate powers in order to effectuate the purposes of such organization, such diocese, synod. conference, or board of district stewards, at a meeting thereof, held and conducted according to the rules and regulations of such organization or association, there being present at such meeting a majority of the members constituting such organization may elect trustees, in number not more than 9 nor less than 3, and also designate the corporate name by which such trustees and their successors in office shall be known.

SEC. 2. Provides that it shall be the duty of the officer presiding over such election to give to such trustees a certificate of their election under his hand and seal, specifying the name by which such trustees and their successors shall be known. Such certificate shall be acknowledged by the person making the same before some officer authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds, which certificate and the acknowledgement thereof shall be recorded by the County Clerk of the county in which such meeting was held, in a book provided for such or similar purpose, such clerk shall be entitled to receive ten cents per each folio for recording the same; and thereafter such trustees and their successors shall be a body corporate by the name expressed in such certificate; they and their successors shall hold their offices for the term of one year, or until the organization or association first making such election elect others to succeed them; and a certified copy of the record of said certificate under the seal of the County Clerk, where the said record is made or kept shall be received as prima facie evidence of the due existence and incorporation of such association.

SEC. 3. Provides that said trustees may have a common seal, and by their corporate name may take into their possession. hold, and enjoy all the property, real and personal, purchased for devised, granted, or conveyed to them for the use and benefit of such religious organization, they may sue and be sued in all courts. recover and hold all debts, demands, rights and privileges, and when such organization shall so order by vote at a meeting thereof, a majority of all the members being present and voting therefor, such trustees may sell, convey, mortgage or lease any real estate belonging to such organization, and provision is made for recording in the county where the real estate conveyed is situated, a copy of the act or resolution authorizing sale, etc., etc. Howell's statutes, vol. 1. Sec's. 4,656, 4,657 and 4,658.

Your committee finds that under this statute it is competent for this conference at its present session to proceed and elect trustees who are entitled to receive from the Bishop or presiding officer a certificate of their election, which, when duly signed, acknowledged and recorded will constitute them and their successsors a body corporate under the law.

We recommend for adoption the following, viz:

Resolved, That the Bishop and Presiding Elders be requested to name nine persons as candidates for election to be trustees of the "Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church" which title we hereby adopt as our corperate name, and that upon said nomination being presented, the Conference proceed to elect nine trustees, who are hereby directed to prepare the proper certificate, file the same, and thereby secure corporate powers for this body.

J. M. REID,
J. W. HALLENBECK,
T. H. JACOKES,
Committee.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee on Missions recommend the following appropriations to the domestic work for the ensuing year:

ALBION DISTRICT.

Haven Church	$ 75	
Cooper Street	75	
	——	$150

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Douglass	$100	
Kendall	50	
	——	$150

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Grand Haven	$200	
Grandville	75	
Newaygo	50	
North Muskegon	200	
Ravenna	40	
	——	$565

NILES DISTRICT.

Cassopolis	$ 75	
Vandalia	25	
	——	$100

LANSING DISTRICT.

Sickles	$100	
Fowler	75	
	——	$175

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Coleman	$50	
Chase	60	
Free Soil	40	
Gladwin	100	
Harrison	50	
Hesperia	40	
Pentwater	140	
Reed City	100	
Stanwood	40	
White Cloud	40	
Hersey	50	
	——	$710

INDIAN WORK.

Isabella Indian Mission	$175	
Riverton Indian Mission	100	
District	150	
	——	$425

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Almira and Inland	$ 25	
Bellaire	100	
Benzonia	80	
Boyne	40	
Cadillac	100	
Cadillac Circuit	40	
Cross Village	50	
Elk Rapids	50	
Fife Lake	40	
Harbor Springs	50	
Kalkaska	50	
Manton	65	
Mancelona	50	
Norwood	40	
Lake City	50	
Petoskey	50	
South Arm	50	
Sherman	100	
Traverse City Circuit	45	
District	275	
	——	$1,350

INDIAN WORK.

Indian Mission	$200	
Northport Indian Mission	75	
District	100	
		$375

I approve the above missions and appropriations.

H. W. WARREN.

CORRECTIONS AND CHARITIES.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Corrections and Charities, recommend:

1. That we concur in the request to observe Prison Sunday during the month of October, by preaching in the interest of prison management and reform.

2. That we recommend that the members of this Conference attend the meeting of the National Prison Association to be held in Detroit, October 17th, as far as practicable.

3d. That a delegation consisting of five members of this Conference be appointed to attend the National Prison Association.

T. H. JACOKES,
W. GARDNER,
D. F. BARNES.

EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The report of the Treasurer of the Educational society of the Michigan Conference of the M. E. church.

The Treasurer has received as follows:

1884.		
Sept 17.	Cash from A. J. Russell	$ 70
" "	" " Conference Treasurer	137 78
1885.		
June 12.	Cash paid back by A. P. Knott	10 00
July 15.	Cash from J. Graham from Albion	8 10
		$156 58

Per contra.

1884.		
Oct. 27	Paid to J. C. Chase	$20 00
1885.		
Feb. 27	Paid to L. B. Kenyon	15 00
Apr. 20	Paid to James B. Field	10 00
" 21	Paid to A. P. Knott	10 00

May 16	Paid to J. H. Dysinger	10 00
“ 25	Paid to D. Curry	10 00
June 2	Paid to L. B. Kenyon	5 00
“ 20	Paid to D. Curry	10 00
		$90 00
	Balance	$66 58

Thus leaving $66.58 in the hands of the Treasurer. $16.58 of this has come into the hands of the Treasurer since the close of the College year, leaving just fifty dollars which has been ready for the recommendation of the President of the college, but not yet asked for.

All of which is respectfully submitted. W. H. BROCKWAY,
Treasurer.

W. F. S. M.

WHEREAS, We recognize as among our most efficient helpers in the master's work the W. F. M. S. Its influence at home in the higher intellectual and spiritual development of our christian women, enlisting their sympathies more fully with every department of our home work. Its influence abroad, laying hold of heathen childhood and motherhood. bringing thus to the cross of Christ the very most potent factors in the moral and social life of humanity, and

WHEREAS, We have long ago recognized in the success attending their efforts at home and abroad, the seal of God upon the organization. Therefore

Resolved, That in the name of Christ we bid them God speed in their holy calling.

Resolved, That as their pastors we pledge these “elect women” our help in sustaining their district meetings, and in the organization and sustaining of auxiliaries on our several charges.

Your committee also respectfully recommends, that the Woman's Foreign Mission Society be recognized among the standing committees of the Conference.

M. D. CARREL,
G. W. TUTHILL,
E. L. KELLOGG.

CONFERENCE SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

In consideration of the fact, that our next annual session will mark our fiftieth anniversary as a Conference, and as Rev. W. H. Brockway has been a member of this Conference from its first organization, Therefore, your committee, to whom was referred the matter of arranging for some suitable recognition of such an important event as our semi-centennial, recommend, that Rev. W. H. Brockway be requested to preach a semi-centennial sermon, reviewing the history of our church in Michigan during these fifty years.

R. C. CRAWFORD.
F. B. BANGS.

BATAVIA CHURCH.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the case of the Batavia church, after such consideration as we have been able to give to this case, recommend that the pastor, under the direction of the Presiding Elder of Coldwater district, apply to the churches of said district for aid in raising the debt on the Batavia church, and to this end we as a Conference commend this cause to their kindly consideration.

T. H. JACOKES,
A. M. GOULD,
A. J. ELDRED.

NASHVILLE CHURCH.

The committee appointed to consider the needs of the Nashville church would report as follows:

1. The liabilities of said church are $1,700; a mortgage of $1,200 is against it, which has been foreclosed, and the time of redemption expires Aug. 1st 1886.

2. Assets. A subscription of $800 has been secured, payable on condition that the whole amount of indebtedness is raised.

An offer of $750 has been made for their parsonage property, which with the subscription above referred to, aggregates $1,550, leaving a balance to be provided for of $150.

3. The people of Nashville feel that they have gone to the limit of their financial ability in this matter, and that unless they have help from abroad, their church must be lost.

In consideration of the foregoing facts, we offer the following recommendations:

1. That the parsonage be sold and the proceeds appropriated to the payment of the debt on the church.

2. That Bro's Thomas Cox and J. H. Thomas, be appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions among the members of the Conference and elsewhere, to pay this balance not yet provided for. It being understood that the subscriptions made for such purpose are to be paid on or before July 1st 1886 to the Presiding Elder of the district, to be held by him in trust for said church. If however the whole amount shall not be raised, the amount paid by each subscriber shall revert to himself.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 28, 1885.

J. M. REID.
A. P. MOORS.
E. D. BACON.

DRS. JOCELYN AND PERRINE MEMORIAL.

Your committee to whom was assigned the work of raising funds for the purpose of erecting suitable stones at the graves of Drs. Jocelyn and Perrine at Albion, beg leave to report as follows:

As early as possible after Conference the committee met at Albion to arrange plans and inaugurate its work. The Conference did not fix the amount to be raised, but the committee decided that $500.00 would amply accomplish the end in view. A circular setting forth the object sought, and a pledge card were sent to every pastor, to other friends. particularly the alumni of the college, as rapidly as the committee could ascertain the address. Owing to the strenuous effort to increase the endowment of the college, and the stringency of the times. it was thought best not to press the matter too closely last year. We find however that the enterprise has the sympathy of members of the Conference, and of many of the laymen, especially the alumni of the institution, to which Dr. Jocelyn gave the best years of his life and in whose prosperity Dr. Perrine was so deeply interested.

Up to this date we have received eighty-one pledges of from $1 to $10 each, aggregating $164.00. Your committee would advise that the work be continued. and during the coming year pressed to completion. That the Conference, by vote, fix the amount to be raised. so that the committee may know definitely what is expected of it. That the Rev. Geo. L. Cole, an alumnus of the college, be added to the committee.

M. D. CARREL,
N. L. BRAY, Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.		
Albion District	$3632	94
Coldwater District	2264	78
Kalamazoo District	2973	04
Niles District	1614	63
Grand Rapids District	3958	29
Ionia District	1680	35
Lansing District	2937	92
Big Rapids District	1398	29
Grand Traverse District	777	82
Book Concern Dividend	331	00
Chartered Fund	30	00
Methodist Pub. Co	150	00
Parkhurst Fund	18	55
Parkhurst Fund return'd	1	21
Sabbath coll, Sept. 27	93	18
Thos. Lyon	15	00
Bay View S. S. Coll'tion	2	39
Ind. Mission per W. R. Stinchcomb	2	70
D. W. Parsons (Minutes)	53	00
Forward from last year	4	77
Coll'n for Conf. expenses	19	13
Total Receipts	$21,958	99

Disbursements		
To Missions	$10123	84
W. F. M. S.	103	11
Church Extention	1335	62
Freedmen's Aid	1866	01
Education: parent soc'y	1186	56
Education: conf. soc'y.	179	87
Education: Albion Col.	143	45
Tracts	162	46
S. S. Union	251	86
Amer. Bible Society	347	43
Bishop's Fund	1256	93
Conference Claimants	4761	29
Publishing Minutes	183	65
General Conf. exp	1	00
W. H. M. S	32	00
Conference expenses	14	90
Balance on hand	9	00
Total Disbursements	$21,958	99

J. C. FLOYD, Treasurer.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of raising the amounts necessary for the support of the ministry would respectfully report:

We find from the statistics of last year there was a deficiency in meeting this claim, of $15,000, and this year there is a deficiency of $12,341. This heavy amount falls almost entirely upon that class in our Conference whose claim is less than $1,000, and heaviest upon those whose claim ranges below $800. These brethren can illy afford an annual forced contribution for the support of the gospel in the Michigan Conference of $12,341. Indeed, if this large amount were demanded of the whole Conference, all alike contributing, we should feel it a burden grievous to be borne; how much more grievous when it falls upon these brethren whose annual receipts are scarcely adequate to meet the pressing demands of life.

This burden, borne year after year, without complaint, appeals to every sentiment of justice, not to say equity among us, and loudly calls upon this Conference to earnestly seek some measure of relief.

Moreover your committee observe that in the methods, which too often obtain in our Conference, for securing the claim of the preacher, there remains at the close of the year a large deficit, which demands extraordinary measures and efforts to remove, to the exclusion of all those great connectional claims which are thereby either feebly represented or entirely neglected.

We are convinced these things ought not so to be, and need not so be. Believing in this great Church, and in the piety, generosity and faithfulness of its membership, and having knowledge of the great financial resources gathered within her borders, we submit that the situation calls loudly for relief by this Conference, to whose wisdom the church looks in the inauguration of reform.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following principles and plans, in the hope that if they shall not afford entire relief in the premises, they will at least be suggestive of other and wiser methods, which other and wiser men may hereafter propose.

1. We hold it to be a correct financial policy which holds every member of the church as either a financial helper or as one whom the church should financially help.

2. That over against every member who is not a financial helper must stand one who bears his own burden, and also the burden of the one who fails, or else a preacher who suffers loss to the extent of the failure. For every drone in our economy the situation demands either a drudge or a devotee.

3. The revenue for ministerial support must of necessity be derived from but two sources of supply: One, that which is based upon the personality of the church supporter, irrespective of special income or property consideration, as that he simply is, and, being here, wishes the benefits of the church of Christ. This personal fund stands by itself alone, and applies to all, rich and poor alike. The other source of supply is based upon the income or property enjoyed by the supporter of the church.

Now, then, we submit to this Conference, that the revenue from the income or property of our friends rarely, if ever, fails to materialize its face value. The pledges and subscriptions based upon income and property are almost always par values.

But of our personal fund this cannot be said. The smaller sums slip through our fingers every year, and these smaller sums aggregate every year the amount of our deficit. We believe the failure to gather these smaller personal sums, is in the imperfect methods used in our financial policy. The amounts are so small, and are so widely scattered, that persons who contribute fail to do so, either from pride or because they deem the offering too small to be counted, or the collectors cannot afford to neglect their business and exhaust their patience chasing little dollars over the circuit.

We submit the following plan whereby instead of the collectors chasing single dollars, the single dollars, coming together of themselves, may chase the collectors.

By public effort, early after Conference, let each charge inaugurate a determined movement after the personal fund, omitting none. By organized work, after the public effort, securing the offering of any who will, young and old, rich and poor, saint and sinner, male and female, each, all and every one, until signatures are obtained from all to the following card:

———M. E. CHURCH

Personal Fund for the Support of the Gospel.

On the first Sunday in January, 1886, I do hereby engage to pay one dollar on the altar of the M. E. church,——charge, when my name shall be called. (Signature) —————.

Insist upon it everywhere that this subscription to the Personal Fund *stands alone*, and is over and above any payments to be made upon assessment or pledges. It stands alone, the Personal Fund for the support of the gospel.

On the Sunday named there will be called to the altar of the church a large number of dollars, and a blessing will fall upon a great number who have thus been identified with the support of the church.

For the balance needed, estimate the amount of the Personal Fund, and *early* distribute among all who will contribute, by assessment, or voluntary pledges, pew rents or otherwise, as the church may determine, payable by the envelope plan, weekly.

We also recommend the monthly financial report made to the congregation, setting forth the state of the treasury, the resources and liabilities of the church. Keep the church constantly informed how the finances stand. We recommend also the quarterly statement of account made to any person pledged. Allow no person to carry the amount by him pledged to the end of the year, but insist by quarterly statement and otherwise, upon, at least, quarterly settlements.

We believe this plan adopted and uniformly worked as the Michigan Conference plan, would in a few years materially benefit the cause in whose interest this report is made.

JAS. W. REID,
J. GRAHAM. A. M. GOULD,
W. A. HUNSBERGER, W. GARDNER, Com.

RESOLUTIONS.

In consideration of the value of time, to a body of Methodist ministers, especially during our conference sessions, therefore we respectfully request all of our Presiding Elders and Chairmen of Committees as well, to so frame their reports and condense their thoughts, that not more than fifteen minutes shall be required for the reading of any one of such reports; thereby saving much valuable time for other business.

R. C. CRAWFORD.
W. H. BROCKWAY.

Resolved, that all persons intending to make bequests or devises for the benefit of our Conference Claimants be advised to use the following form. "I give and bequeath (or devise as the case may be) [here state what the gift may be, money, securities, real estate, etc.] to the trustees of the Michigan Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal church, incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan, in trust for the benefit of the Conference Claimants of said conference.

JAS. W. REID,
JAS. HAMILTON,
G. C. DRAPER.
M. M. CALLEN.

WHEREAS, In the providence of God our dear brother, Rev. D. O. Fox, formerly of this Conference, but now a member of the South India Conference, has returned to us after an absence of thirteen years spent in missionary labors in that far off field. And

WHEREAS, We have watched his career of usefulness and sacrifice with much interest and satisfaction, as one of our own number and household. Therefore

Resolved, That we welcome him back among us in this visit to his old field of labor; and assure him of our hearty sympathy with him in his work; and that our prayer shall attend him on his return to India; and that we will remember him ever as a brother beloved in the Lord.

J. M. REID,
A. P. MOORS,
T. H. JACOKES.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby extended to the press of this city for its fair, impartial and complete reports of the doings of the Conference, especially mentioning the reports of the Morning Democrat and Evening Leader.

R. C. CRAWFORD,
L. DELAMARTER,
GEO. S. HICKEY,
W. GARDNER.

WHEREAS, Rev. J. E. Gilbert, D. D., has been transferred to another field of labor, therefore

Resolved, That we appreciate his scholarly attainments, faithful ministry, christian courtesy and royal manner in which he has entertained the conference. Be it further

Resolved, That we heartily commend him to the church and conference whither he goes, and should he ever desire to return to our Conference, he will be cordially welcomed.

GEO. S. HICKEY,
A. M. GOULD,
W. GARDNER,
I. TAYLOR.

Resolved, that we as a Conference, extend our thanks to the church and citizens of Grand Rapids, for our hearty reception and for our royal entertainment during our stay here.

I TAYLOR,
JOHN GRAHAM,
A. P. MOORS,
E. WYGLE,
A. D. NEWTON.

Resolved, That the Woman's Home Missionary Society, by its usefulness as well as by its purposes and plans, commends itself to all the women of our church, as worthy of their hearty support.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be, and they hereby are, appointed an advisory board with instructions to co-operate with the officers and managers of this society.

Resolved, That we approve the raising of twenty-five hundred dollars in our charges, during the coming conference year, by such plans as the board may adopt, to be used, as last year, in aiding the weaker churches.

GEO. S. HICKEY,
J. E. GILBERT, } Committee.
J. W. MILLER.

We the members of the Michigan Annual Conference of the M. E Church, in Conference assembled, hereby wish to put on record a expression of our high appreciation of Bishop H. W. Warren, and ou great pleasure with his work, both in the pulpit and in the presidentia chair of the Conference, and say that we shall always have great pleasure in his future visits whenever it shall fall to his lot to come to u in future years.

W. H. BROCKWAY,
T. H. JACOKES,
A. J. ELDRED,
A. M. FITCH,
J. H. PITEZEL,
R. C. CRAWFORD.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. WILLIAM DOUST.

"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen i Israel." The eulogy pronounced by Divine inspiration upon one anciently was, "He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and o faith." Brother Doust was a good man, one of nature's noble men, on of God's noble men. The world and the church need such men. Bu God has taken him, and in tears we bow and say, "Thy will be done."

The Rev. William Doust was born in Kent Co., England. February 22nd, 1828, and died in Paw Paw, Mich, May 20th, 1885. at the age o 57 years, two months and twenty-eight days. His father was a loca preacher of the Wesleyan Church, in England. At the age of fourtee he was converted, while kneeling on the brick floor of his father' kitchen; at the age of seventeen he was licensed to exhort; the nex year following he was licensed to preach; for ten years he was a loca preacher in England. In 1856 he resolved to come to America. H landed in New York on the first day of June, 1855.

In the fall of the same year he was received into the Michigan Conference, his first charge was Osseo Circuit with its seventeen appointments; Rev. Isaac Finch was the preacher in charge. Here these ministers, who worked in great harmony, were blessed with a gracious revival of religion. In 1858 he was ordained deacon, by Bishop Ames and in 1861 he was ordained elder by the same Bishop.

The following have been his appointments: 1856. Osseo; 1857–8. Reading; 1859–60. Quincy; 1861–2, North Adams; 1863–5. Burr Oak: 1866–8, Sturgis; 1869–70, Hillsdale; 1871–2. Ovid; 1873–4. Pentwater: 1875–7, Eaton Rapids; 1878–9. Charlotte; 1880–2, Mason; 1883, St. Joseph; 1884, Paw Paw, eight months.

On November 29, 1847, he was married to Ann Ellen Susannah Baldwin, at Staplehurst, England, who was buried at sea on the midnight of May 14, 1856, at the age of twenty-seven years—a woman of superior intelligence, refinement and christian character. On the 2nd of June, 1857, he was again married at Jefferson, Hillsdale county, Mich., to Esther Moore, a native of Sissinghust, England, who survives him.

He preached his last sermon at Paw Paw one evening in March last from Exodus 32–26. "Who is on the Lord's side?"

I will now notice some things that belonged to him as a man, and as a christian, and especially as a christian minister.

We remark he was no ordinary person, no matter from what stand point we look at him.

Again he was blest with remarkable brain power. God gave him capital to commence life with, and he did not "waste his Lord's goods." He improved his time, cultivated his gifts. His large and costly library showed him to be a man of research and deep thought.

Again, he was naturally kind hearted. He not only had brain power but heart power, two things necessary for a successful minister

Again, he was an evenly balanced character, one part of his nature did not excel at the expense of an other.

On all moral questions he took a front seat and stayed there. He did not ask the question, will the crowd come, and he did not expect them to come immediately. Ever since Christ called twelve men to reform the world majorities have always been on the wrong side but they never changed right and wrong and never will.

Again, if it were proper I would say there were many sides to his nature. He had a strong side for humanity, he loved man as man and labored for his welfare. And there was a parental side to that nature: he loved his children and labored and sacrificed for their temporal and intellectual good and prayed for their spiritual prosperity.

In pulpit ability he was far above the majority, his preaching was practical and always evangelical, his desire was to do good, he aimed directly at the heart, and felt that his commission was to preach "the word" and not the theories of men. He had no faith in old errors coming under the title of "advanced thought." But he had faith in truth and did not believe that man had got in advance of the God of truth.

Again, Bro. Doust was a man of prayer. Martin Luther said "to pray well was to study well." Bro. Doust prayed well, for directness, appropriateness and comprehensiveness he had few equals. Some of us that heard him will never forget his prayer at the funeral of Bro. Horace Hall.

Finally we remark he was a true loyal Methodist preacher doing faithfully all the work that belonged to a pastor. He took his appointment from the Bishop: if it was a small one, he said it is my duty to make it large and if it was a large one he went to that also and proved that no mistake was made by the appointing power.

The question was once asked in reference to another "how did he die?", the answer was "there is a question more important", "what can it be?", "how did he live", was the reply. I never asked how did Bro. Doust die, I knew how he lived.

His funeral was largely attended, the pastors of the different churches of Paw Paw were all present and the ministers in the district that possibly could be present were also there and quite a number of ministers from other districts were present and took part in the services. and then he was taken to Mason, one of his former charges, where the ministers of Lansing district and many of his former parishioners met him at the depot, whence they took him to his final resting place and there appropriate services were held. Hail! Bro. Doust, farewell "thy toils are past, thy work is done."

Some may think I have said too much in his favor, my reply is I knew him and knew him undoubtedly better than any person here outside of his family.

The fathers! where are they? They are gone, and mostly all gone from the Michigan Conference. Only about a half a dozen are now in active work that constituted the Conference when I joined it. "The workman die but the work goes on." I am glad that there are young men coming on better prepared, I trust, to do their work than some of us have been that must soon pass off. I honor and respect them and bid them God speed. But the young men have not made the Michigan Conference; this is the monument that "the fathers" have reared. This hour to me is a solemn one. I feel to-day as though I was now beneath the rift in the clouds made by the passage of our departed brother, and it does seem to me that when the gates are swung ajar for such to enter that some of the blessings of that heavenly world must come down to us.

Two individuals noted for their success in their chosen sphere of life were nearing the shores of another life, one was a general, a leader of men in battle, the other was a school teacher. The last words of the general were "head off the army" true to his mission. The last words of the school teacher "it is getting dark dismiss the school." Life's battles with us will soon be over and pray God that we may so labor and learn here that when the Master calls, it may be said of us "it is enough come up higher." I TAYLOR.

WALLACE S. FOSTER.

Wallace S. Foster, of Osseo charge, Coldwater District, departed this life August 31st, 1885.

I made the acquaintance of this brother two years ago. If at that time the preachers of the Coldwater District had been drawn up in line before me, and I had been requested to point out the man who in all human probability would live the longest, and accomplish the most for Christ and humanity, W. S. Foster would have been selected. He was then 32 years of age, and the picture of health and strength.

He was always ready to extend sympathy to all classes of suffering humanity. If a brother came to him, who had in any way been injured. his soul was like a magazine, instantly fired by his ardent zeal in espousing the cause of the injured party. He was a man of decision, with great firmness in holding to his convictions of duty and responsibility. He was fearless, perhaps bordering on recklessness in his utterances against unfaithfulness and unworthiness in the christian life. He was possessed of more than ordinary talents in his pulpit efforts.

A brother said to me some three months since, that he heard Bro. Foster in a funeral service before a large congregation, that in the midst of his sermon, he reached a pathetic strain of eloquence, that swept over his congregation like a storm, causing all to bow their heads and weep like children.

Bro. Foster was born in the town of Alexandria, state of New York, Oct. 9th, 1851.

He was converted at the age of nineteen. He was for some time a student in the Ives Seminary, Northern New York Conference. After he was converted, he was impressed that God called him to preach the gospel. He at first hesitated and refused to go. He believed he was unworthy such a prominent position, and not properly qualified to render service in such a responsible station.

He was married to Miss Emma Crowley, in May 1877. About this time he entered into the merchantile business, but was not successful. Two or three attempts at business, with as many failures, impressed him, that the blessing of God did not attend him, because he was not in the line of duty. He then turned his attention to the work of saving souls, joined a praying band and labored in revival work one season. During this time about two hundred were converted as the fruit of their labor.

He then came to Michigan and joined the Methodist Episcopal church on the Butler charge, Coldwater district. Soon after, he was licensed to preach, recommended to the Annual Conference and received on trial. His first appointment was at Ransom charge, which he served two years with a fair degree of success.

In the fall of 1883 he was appointed to the Kinderhook charge. Nearly all the winter following he was in revival meetings, and reported as the results of his efforts. a hundred conversions. His health was somewhat impaired by preaching in a warm room, and then riding seven or eight miles in the cold night air.

Bro. Foster's appointment at the last session of our Conference was made in reference to ease in labor, and convenience to the physicians of the city of Hillsdale. But all served no purpose. The foundation of a fatal disease had been laid, and the work of breaking and crumbling the strong iron constitution went steadily on. We met him quite frequently during the year, at least a often as once in seven or eight weeks, but each successive visit only served to convince us that the vital forces of his system were yielding to the disease.

Just eight days before his death. I was with him conducting his last quarterly meeting for the Conference year. When I came into his presence I noticed he was less cheerful, though he appeared quite as hopeful as at other times. On his countenance were shadows portending the coming event.

During the six or seven days he was confined to his bed he said but little, rarely speaking unless spoken to. Three days before he died he said "my work is done."

In his last love feast just eight days before he died, Bro Foster dedicated himself anew to the Lord Jesus, affirming that he had an unwavering confidence in the word of God, and in the blood of Jesus Christ. D. ENGLE.

MRS. REV. J. K. STARK.

Eliza Jane Cushing was born in Utica, N. Y., August 13, 1840, and in early life she removed to Michigan with her parents. She was married to her now bereaved husband, 29 years ago, and departed this life on Tuesday, Novembei 4, 1884. She remembered her Creator in the days of her youth, and was converted in 1855, at Silver Creek, Cass Co., and joined the M. E. Church, in whose communion she continued a devoted christian until the day of her translation into the church triumphant.

Sister Stark was a firm believer in the doctrines of holy scripture, and especially those set forth in the articles of religion of the M. E. church, and she was a loving disciple of the Lord Jesus. She leaves, to mourn her loss, a husband and six children—three boys and three girls—five of whom are grown to manhood and womanhood, and converted. The youngest, an infant, was but a few days old at his mother's death. Two ot her children are married; and to them all she was a tender mother. The remembrance of her is precious to them yet, and they rise up to call her blessed.

Two months before her death, there were five generations of her family living. In this brief space of two months, two of those generations fell; the grandmother, and the sister whose loss we mourn to-day.

Sister Stark was a Methodist preachers wife, and worthily so. She was in hearty sympathy with the polity of our church. She had a fervent love for Methodist ministers. She looked upon every one as her brother in the Lord, and her house was always his home, and to a seat at her table he was always welcome. No company of preachers was too large for hospitality; it was never a hardship for her to do for them. With her husband, in the itinerant ranks, she lived 16 years: One year at Chester, two at Bath, three at St. Louis, one at Vermontville, two at Paw Paw, one at Benton Harbor, two at Pentwater, one at Manistee, three at Mt. Pleasant, and had just moved to Ludington when she was called from labor to reward. On all these charges she shared in her husbands burdens, and rejoiced in his victories; and she won a place in the hearts of the people more lasting than life.

Though her husband's work was blessed with revivals, some of them of great power, yet his work seemed Providentially to be largely in church building enterprises involving a great amount of anxiety and sacrifice, besides in many instances, a reduction of salary; thus laying additional burdens upon the pastor's wife; but never once did she com-plain, never once did she suggest that a decrease of that labor and self-denial was desirable. She stood in her place, she did her work uncomplainingly to the end, and now she "rests from her labors, and her works do follow her." To her it hath been said: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of thy Lord."

The funeral services were held in the M. E. church of Ludington, Presiding Elder J. A. Sprague in charge, assisted by Revs. G. L. Haight, J. W. Hallenbeck, Geo. Donaldson, E. F. Newell, W. L. Tilden, Wm. Puffer and J. C. Floyd, of the Conference, and the Revs. Messrs. Keyes, Morley, Hill, Pritchard and Jentoff, of the city clergy. Her mortal remains lie buried in the Ludington cemetery awaiting the change that shall transform the earthly into the heavenly, when corruption shall put on incorruption, and the written saying shall be brought to pass: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

J. C. FLOYD.

MRS. H. P. BLAKE.

Helen P. Blake was born in Bellevue, Eaton county, Mich., Nov. 12, 1842. She was the daughter of Zebrina and Sabrina Osborne. She was converted at about the age of twenty, and united with the Methodist Episcopal church of Bellevue, under the pastorate of Rev. J. E. McAllister, in 1864. She was married to H. P. Blake in 1865, and moved with him in the fall of that year at Traverse City, where he was engaged as teacher of the public school of that then small village. During the three years she resided in Traverse City, she made many warm friends in the church and community. She removed with her husband in 1869 to Penfield, Mich., and in 1870 to Portland, Mich. From that place, in 1876, her husband entered the ministry, since which time she has been an efficient, faithful and successful worker with him in the itinerancy. She was a very careful, painstaking, systematic housekeeper, a loving, devoted wife, and above all a true though unobtrusive Christian. The church of her choice, and more especially the work with which she and her husband were connected, were scarcely ever absent from her mind and heart. She was permitted to show her faith by her works when living, and when dying to give a conclusive testimony to the saving character of that faith. The disease which resulted in her death was bronchial consumption, which closed her earthly life, on September 18, 1884, in Shelby Mich. Her remains were taken to Bellevue, Mich., where a funeral sermon was preached to a very large audience of sympathizing friends by Rev. P. J. Maveety, when her body was deposited in the cemetery of that village, to await the resurrection morn.

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MRS. MARY L. STEFFE.

Mary L. wife of Rev. Jacob W. Steffe, a member of this Conference, was born in White River township, Muskegon county, Michigan, October 28, 1856. She was the only child of Volney B. and Julia A. Gee. She early became an orphan, her mother dying before she was a year old, and her father before she was six. He gave his life to save the life of the nation. She was adopted and raised by her grand parents, she was a favorite early, as well as later in life. Her pleasant ways won ali hearts.

She was married to our brother March 13, 1877, bore him three children, the youngest of whom was three years of age at her death, October 20, 1884.

Through the labors of Rev. E. C. Chambers, formerly one of our number, but now among the saints above she was brought to see while quite young, the need of a personal Savior and to give herself unreservedly to Him. But death marked her for his own. With little warning, after intense suffering, she passed through Jordan, and up the shining way, to be forever with her Lord, nor was she afraid to die, though she desired to live for the sake of her family.

In the very outset of his ministry at Springport, our young brother was bereft of his affectionate wife, and the tender children of their pious and devoted mother.

When the remains were about to be removed to their last resting place in the Montague cemetery, a large concourse of citizens gathered in our church, at Springport, to offer their sympathy and respect, and accompanied the funeral party to the train in the midst of a severe rain storm.

Thus, soon or late, one by one, all of us are compelled to drink at the bitter fountain of affliction and bereavement; perhaps that we may be better enabled to administer comfort to others. At all events we feel like exclaiming with the poet:

"In part we know thy will,
And bless thee for the sight:
Soon will thy love the rest reveal,
In glory's clearer light."

A. A. KNAPPEN.

NETTIE A. CALKINS.

Nettie A. Calkins was born at Old Mission February 23, 1867; died at Martin, September 19, 1885. She was the only child of Rev. L. W. Calkins and wife. She came a special bud of promise, given them to unfold, and return the blossom in its sweetest fragrance to the skies. They guarded well their treasure; and at the early age of eight years, she gave evidence of clear conversion and united with the church at Sparta.

Intuitively she knew the things of God, and grew in the soil of a consecrated home very soon to understand christian privilege and duty. Her early religious experiences were of the most precious and satisfactory character. Her convictions were strong beyond her years, and awakened an interest in the salvation of others seldom seen in such a child. At the age of twelve, when she had witnessed the coversion of several of her young associates. She solicited the privilege of holding prayer meetings with them in her father's study. Such was the charm of this little circle that others came, and she continued to meet them there once every week while they remained in the charge.

Her work was a Sunday school teacher, commenced at the age of 14, and was characterized by the fidelity and expectancy of mature years. She led her scholars to Christ and brought them as trophies of grace to her father, that he might admit them into the fellowship of the church. The missionary spirit was upon her and God honored her young life so fully in winning others to him, that the parents said, we will not withhold from the Lord that which he hath given so dedicated her to this work. She had an intense desire for education and succeeded so well, though sometimes not within reach of a school that would be support to her, that at the age of 15 she passed a a creditable examination and received a certificate to teach in our public schools.

A part of last year was spent at Albion college. She was expecting to return this year and remain if possible until the completion of a full course of study, then press out early into the great fields which she saw opened, inviting laborers for Christ.

Though a stranger at Albion, when the revival fires of last winter were kindled she contributed the might of a fervent spirit to increase the flame. This past summer and autumn to the time of her death was employed as teacher of the public schools at Martin, where she succeeded admirably in imparting instruction important for both worlds. The children clung to her as to an "Angel of Light". In ministering to their pleasure at a school picnic, she received a fall which culminated in her death a few days after. Her removal from the promise and possibilities of such a life to life eternal presents a problem in Divine Providence, too diffiicult for our solution and brings to us afresh the words of our Lord, wherein he said "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." The hereafter has come to Nettie. She has solved the problem. She knows full well that which we at present can know only in part. The light which sheds its mellow lustre about her is more radiant than ours, for it is "above the brightness of the sun."

Our eyes are so dimmed with tears that we see not much beyond the embarassments of earth. But she is able to the see King in his beauty and beholds the land that is afar off. W. J. ALDRICH.

CONSTITUTION

OF

P. S. F. S. OF MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE I.

The names of the persons associating in this Society, to be known and recognized as the Preachers' Savings Fund Society of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and adopted this 18th day of September, 1871, are to be found in the original Constitution of this Society, under the head of Article 1, which has undergone no change.

ARTICLE II.

This Society shall be called and known as the Preachers' Savings Fund Society of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall have its office, for the transaction of business, at Albion, Calhoun County, in the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE III.

This Society, or incorporation, shall exist for a period of thirty (30), years.

ARTICLE IV.

The objects of this Society shall be to hold or receive moneys, legacies, bequests, gifts, stocks, bonds, and any kind of securities or property and hold the same for the benefit of the widows or children of deceased ministers or preachers, who shall be members of this Society, and who shall be members of the Michigan Annual Conference at the time of their decease.

It may also hold such money, or the above described property for the benefit of such living ministers, members of the Michigan Annual Conference and of this Society, as in the judgment of this Society, are in need of pecuniary aid: *Provided*, That no part of the funds of this Society shall be applied to the relief of any living minister, until his case has been brought before the Society, at its annual meeting: *Provided*, *further*, That whenever any member of this Society, who is also a member of the Michigan Annual Conference, shall be transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he may retain his membership in this Society by continuing to meet all of his obligations to it, while he continues a member in good standing in such Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: *Provided, further*, That preachers on trial, in the said Michigan Annual Conference, may be entitled to all the rights and benefits of this Society on the same conditions as members of the same Conference who are in full connection.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Trustees, who shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are elected. The President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees, and the President shall preside in the meetings of said Board, and of the Society also. All elections for officers shall be by ballot and by the Society, and all officers shall be elected at the annual meeting, except to fill vacancies, which shall be filled by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI.

This Society shall hold its annual meeting on the second day of the session of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in each year, at the place at which such Conference is held, and a majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.—MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS.

SEC. 1. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of five (5) dollars, and signing these articles of association; and such membership may be continued from year to year, by the payment of two (2) dollars, annually, as dues to the Society.

SEC. 2. Any person may become a member for life, by the payment at one time of fifty (50) dollars, and such life member shall be exempt thereafter from the payment of the annual dues provided for in Section 1 of this Article.

SEC. 3. No person holding membership in this Society by the payment of yearly dues, shall be deemed a member of this Society, or be entitled to any of its benefits or any of the rights and privileges of this Society, unless such annual payments are kept up.

ARTICLE VIII.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Trustees, and shall perform all of the duties belonging to his office, and such other other duties as the By-Laws of the Society or the Board of Trustees shall direct; and in his absence these duties shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

ARTICLE IX.

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all the proceedings of the Society and the Board of Trustees and cause the same to be recorded in a book provided for that purpose. He shall receive all moneys paid into this Society and enter the same in his record, with the sources from which they came; pay all moneys over to the Treasurer immediately, taking his receipt for the same.

ARTICLE X.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys or property belonging to the Society and shall hold the same subject to the order of the Board of Trustees. He shall report annually the state of the finances, and the condition of all property in his hands belonging to the Society, or oftener if the Board of Trustees shall so direct. He shall give a bond to the Society in a penal sum of at least double the amount in his hands belonging to the Society, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

ARTICLE XI.

SEC. 1. All money belonging to the Society, except so much as may be necessary to pay the usual running expenses and such appropriations as the Board of Trustees may order, according to these articles, shall be funded under the direction of the Board of Trustees and said Board shall have charge of all lands, tenements, stocks, bonds, mortgages. securities, or effects of every nature whatsoever, and shall invest the same, and cause them to be paid over for the purposes of the Society. *Provided*, That the interest or the profits only shall be used forever, except also such special assessments as are provided for in Article 12 of these Articles of Association. *Provided*, further, That at the expiration of the time for which this Society is organized; it shall have power to dispose of all funds and securities of every nature, in such manner as it shall judge proper.

SEC. 2. The Trustees shall have no power to pay out money in violation of Article 4 of these Articles of Association.

ARTICLE XII.

SEC. 1. Whenever any member of this Association, who is also a member in good standing in the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or having been transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church while holding membership in this Associatian, shall die, and being at the time of his decease in good standing in this Society and the Conference to which he belongs, the Trustees shall cause to be paid to his widow, or if he leave no widow, then to the children of said deceased minister, the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars: *Provided*, The said deceased minister has paid into the Society's fund at least the sum of fifty (50) dollars: but if the whole amount paid into the funds of the Society shall not amount to fifty (50) dollars, by such deceased minister, as above stated, then the Trustees shall deduct from the one thousand dollars to be paid to the widow or children of said deceased minister, as provided for in Section 1 of this Article, such sum as will, when added to the sum of payments of said deceased minister, make the sum of fifty (50) dollars as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. The payment provided for in Section 1 of this Article shall be paid at the next session of the Michigan Annual Conference succeeding the death of such deceased minister.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of this society, whenever a death, as stated in Section 1 of this Article, shall occur, to meet as soon thereafter as posssible and proceed to estimate the amount which will be in the hands of the Treasurer at the next ensuing session of the Michigan Annual Conference, arising from interest or profits of the invested funds: also the probable amount arising from the annual dues of the membership; and they shall set apart three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of such annual payments to apply on the one thousand (1000) dollars provided for in Section 1 of this Article: also such interest or profits as arise from the invested funds, and then they shall assess the balance necessary to make up the balance of one thousand (1,000) dollars upon the members of the Society, each member being assessed in a sum equal to every other member.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of his assessment by sending him a written or printed statement or notice of the amount assessed against him, and request the payment of the same, and if the said assessments are not paid by the next session of the Society, at its annual meeting, the name of the member or members so refusing or neglecting to pay shall be stricken from the roll of the Society, and all moneys which the said members have paid into the Society shall be forfeited to its use. *Provided*, That no member of the Society thus forfeiting his membership by non-payment of assessments shall be entitled to any benefits from the Society until all assessments and dues are paid; and if death occurs during such delinquency all claims of such person shall be forfeited.

ARTICLE XIII.

This Society shall hold the money belonging to the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased ministers of said Conference, commonly known as the Parkhurst Fund, and the Treasurer shall report annually, and oftener if called upon by the Trustees or the President to do so, the state of this fund. The Society shall report annually to the Michigan Annual Conference, and pay over the interest which has accrued on said fund at each session of said Conference, and the order of said Conference, attested by its Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for the payment such interest.

ARTICLE XIV.

All gifts, legacies or bequests which shall be made to the Society or placed in its keeping shall be sacredly kept, held and disbursed, according to the terms or conditions of said gifts, legacies or bequests; and neither the Trustees nor the Society shall have any power to divert either the principal or the interest, or any part thereof, from the purposes designed by the donor or donors of said legacies or bequests.

ARTICLE XV.

The Articles of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of three-fourths (¾) of all the members of the Society at any annual meeting.

AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. Any person having paid five (5) dollars into the Treasury of the Society may be elected to membership in the Society, at an annual meeting, by a majority vote. and such may thereafter be continued by the payment of two (2) dollars annually, and such assessments as may, from time to time, be made upon him.

ARTICLE XII.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall notify each member of the amount o of his assessments, and a failure to pay the same by the member s notified, by or before the next annual session of the Society, shall, i the discretion of the society, be deemed to have worked a forfeiture o membership and of any and every interest of such delinquent in the Society, or of its properties and benefits.

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*Judd, Wm., Saranac.

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Paddock, B. E., Vermontville.
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*Wilson, I., Pokagon.
Woodard, D. C., Hubbardston.
Woodard, S. C.
*Wygle, E. D., Kinkerhook.

*Young, E., Potterville.
Young, Thos., Salt River.
*Younglove, W. N., Clare.

PROBATIONERS.

SECOND YEAR.

Bacon, L. W., Shedardsville.
*Bushee, A. W., Spencer Creek.

Clancy, J., Evanston, Ill.
Cox, Thos., Nashville.
Crozier, J. G., Newaygo.
Craig, A. E., Wacousta.

Frye, W. A., Ashland.

Loomis, M. F., Mosherville.
Lockhart, G. H., Mill Brook.

Mitchell, C. E., Albion.
Middleton, R. M., Bellaire.

Patterson, E. B., New Buffalo.
Parsons, W. H., Bronson.
Puffer, W M., Grand Rapids.
Talbert, W. G., Ravenna.
Tindall, R. W., South Frankfort.

FIRST YEAR.

Bliss, F. F. , Fowler.
Chamberlain, H. C., Lawrence
Douglass, W. J., Bridgeman.
Floody, R. J., Freeport.
Golding, W. E., Wayland.
Kenyon, L. B., Belding.
Matthews, G. E., Freesoil.
North, A. E., Okemos.
Nicholson, T., Camden.
Stewart, A. K., Hastings.
Sturgis, A. H., Gresham.
Thompson, F. L., Hanover.
Thomas, D. L., Olivet.
Tiney, S. C., Gladwin.
Theobald, C. H., Chase.
Tindall, Thos., Empire.
Wright, R. A Harrison.

SESSIONS OF THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENC

From its organization to the present time.

TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
Sept. 7, 1836	Mansfield, Ohio	J. Soule	H. O. Sheldon,
Sept. 6, 1837	Detroit, Mich	R. R. Roberts	Edward Thomson,
Sept. 5, 1838	Tiffin, Ohio	Beverly Waugh	Edward Thomson,
Sept. 4, 1839	Ann Arbor, Mich	J. Soule	Edward Thomson,
Aug. 19, 1840	Marshall, Mich	E. Hedding	H. Colclazer,
Sept. 15, 1841	White Pigeon, Mich	R. R. Roberts	H. Colclazer,
Aug. 17, 1842	Adrian, Mich	T. A. Morris	H. Colclazer,
Aug. 16, 1843	Ann Arbor, Mich	J. Soule	J. S. Harrison,
Oct. 2, 1844	Coldwater, Mich	L. L. Hamlin	H. Colclazer,
Sept. 10, 1845	Detroit, Mich	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer.
Sept. 23, 1846	Marshall, Mich	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer,
Sept 15, 1847	Ypsilanti, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher,
Sept. 6, 1848	Kalamazoo, Mich	E. S. Janes	E. H. Pilcher,
Sept. 5, 1849	Adrian, Mich	L. L. Hamlin	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 4, 1850	Albion, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher,
Sept. 3, 1851	Monroe, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher,
Sept. 15, 1852	Niles, Mich	Levi Scott	E. H. Pilcher,
Sept. 14 1853	Detroit, Mich	Beverly Waugh	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 13, 1854	Ann Arbor, Mich	O. C. Baker	T. C. Gardner,
Sept. 5, 1855	Flint, Mich	E. R. Ames	T. C. Gardner,
Oct. 1 1856	Coldwater Mich	T. A. Morris	R. C. Crawford,
Sept. 16, 1857	Lansing, Mich	Beverly Waugh	R. C. Crawford,
Sept. 15, 1858	Kalamazoo, Mich	E. R. Ames.	R. C. Crawford,
Sept. 14, 1859	Marshall, Mich	E. S. Janes	R. C. Crawford,
Sept. 27, 1860	Ionia, Mich	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex.
Oct. 2, 1861	Battle Creek, Mich	E. R. Ames	T. H. Sinex,
Oct. 1, 1862	Grand Rapids, Mich	L. Scott	T. H. Sinex,
Sept. 23, 1863	Jackson, Mich	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex,
Sept. 28, 1864	Niles, Mich	O. C. Baker	J. W. Robinson,
Sept. 13, 1865	Albion, Mich	E. R. Ames	L. R. Fisk,
Sept. 6, 1866	Hillsdale, Mich	M. Simpson	A. A. Dunton,
Sept. 11, 1867	Lansing, Mich	D. W. Clark	M. B. Camburn,
Sept. 3, 1868	Three Rivers, Mich	E. R. Ames	M. B. Camburn,
Sept. 15, 1869	Grand Rapids, Mich	L. Scott	M. B. Camburn,
Aug. 31, 1870	Coldwater, Mich	D. W. Clark	M. B. Camburn,
Sept. 13, 1871	St. Joseph, Mich	E. S. Janes.	M. B. Camburn,
Sept. 18, 1872	Jackson, Mich	E. R. Ames	J. I. Buell,
Sept. 10, 1873	Ionia, Mich	I. W. Wiley	J. I. Buell,
Sept. 9, 1874	Kalamazoo, Mich	M. Simpson	G. B. Jocelyn,
Sept. 8, 1875	Battle Creek, Mich	L. Scott	G. B. Jocelyn,
Sept. 13, 1876	Niles, Mich	G. Haven	G. B. Jocelyn,
Sept. 5, 1877	Grand Rapids	S. M. Merrill	A. R. Boggs,
Sept. 4, 1878	Three Rivers, Mich	J. T. Peck	A. R. Boggs.
Sept 10, 1879	Ionia, Mich	R. S. Foster	H. M. Joy,
Sept. 15, 1880	Muskegon, Mich	T Bowman	H. M. Joy,
Aug 31, 1881	Jackson, Mich	R. S. Foster	H. M. Joy,
Sept. 6, 1882	Coldwater, Mich	E. G. Andrews	W. I. Cogshall,
Sept. 5, 1883	Albion, Mich	W. L. Harris	W. I. Cogshall,
Sept. 10, 1884	Lansing, Mich	W. X. Ninde	W. I. Cogshall,
Sept. 24, 1885	Grand Rapids, Mich	H. W. Warren	W. I. Cogshall.

OUR PROMOTED BROTHERS.

Dan. Barnes, died, Sept. 8, 1840,
Shadrach Ruark, May 17, 1846,
Jonathan E. Champlin, Sept. 15, 1846,
Thomas Fox, Aug. 30, 1847,
Allen Staples, Oct. 21, 1847,
G. J. Shurtleff, Feb. 28, 1849,
Josiah Brakeman, July 19, 1849,
Octavius Mason, Oct. 5, 1850,
Geo. King, Oct. 27, 1850,
Jno. Ercanbrack, May 7, 1852,
Judson D. Collins, May 12, 1852,
Lee McQuigg, Oct. 15, 1853,
Nelson Barnum, Aug. 5, 1854,
Clark T. Hinman, Oct. 21, 1854,
Ransom Goodell, Aug. 8, 1855,
J. J. Whitmore, Aug. 12, 1855,
Seth B. Finch, March 6, 1857,
Geo. Bignell, Dec. 31, 1858,
Jno. K. Gillet, June 27, 1860,
Newland Cleveland, in army date not found,
Samuel A. Osborn, May 14, 1862,
Wm. C. Comfort, June 15, 1862,
Amos Benson, Jan. 16, 1863,
Oscar F. Chase, Oct. 17, 1863,
Washington I. Blowers, in army date not found.
Peter Greensky, April 8, 1866,
Hiram Law, Sept. 9, 1866,
Joseph Jennings, May 23, 1867,
Elijah Crane, April 23, 1868,
A. L. Hoag, Dec. 4, 1869.
David Thomas, Jan. 11, 1870,
Wm. Hott, (a probationer,) Sept. 26, 1870,
Geo. Bradley, April 15, 1871,
M. B. Camburn, Oct. 17, 1871,
Wm. McKnight, March 28, 1872,
Wm. Ford, Oct. 21, 1872,
Jesse E. McAllister, Dec. 14, 1872,
Edgar Beard, March 4, 1873,
Rezin Sapp, May 5, 1873,
J. L. Child, Sept. 10, 1873,
L. C. Austin, Dec. 24, 1873,
G. L. Gilbert, Sept. 2, 1874,
Wilson Gray, Dec. 19, 1874,
Benj. Sabin, Feb. 17, 1875,
J. E. Bayliss, (a probationer,) Oct. 5, 1875,
Nathan Mount, Feb. 8, 1876,
L. Chatfield, date not found,
Geo. B. Jocelyn, Jan. 27, 1877,
Henry Penfield, Jan. 19, 1877,
James Hulin, May 9, 1877.
David Burns, July 28, 1877,
Joseph Jones, date not found, 1877,
Fred. M. Deitz, Sept. 11, 1877,
Gilbert A. Phillips, Nov. 7, 1877,
Samuel S. Wilson, Jan. 18, 1878.
Thomas Cleghorne, Feb. 24, 1878,
Israel Cogshall, April 7, 1879.
Benj. F. Doughty, June 8, 1879,
W. F. Jenkins, date not found, 1879,
Moss I. Smith, Oct. 22, 1880,
Wm. M. Ball, Jan. 8, 1881,
Jas. W. Robinson, Jan. 13, 1881,
Wm. H. Perrine, Jan. 22, 1881.
E. C. Chambers, March 11, 1881,
Henry Worthington, July 10, 1881,
Otis L. Gibson, Nov. 14, 1881,
D. D. Gillet, May 6, 1882,
A. T. Gray, May 17, 1882,
Alvan Billings, July 6, 1882,
Wm. Bronson, Feb. 22, 1883,
Joseph Greensted, June 5, 1883.
Jeremy Boynton, Sept. 1883,
W. E. Newlon, date not given,
V. G. Boynton, Oct. 12, 1883,
F. D. Hemenway, date not given,
Thomas J. Congdon, Feb. 5, 1884,
Horace Hall, March 14, 1884,
W. W. Elder, May 11, 1884,
Wm. Doust, May 20, 1885,
W. S. Foster, Aug. 31, 1885.
A. S. Crittenden, Oct. 1885

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D. C. REIHL, Edmore, Mich., Statistical Secretary.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'SM		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTE'L SUPPORT		
																		MISSIONS													
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized	No. of Churches	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and impro'ng Chs. & Par'ges.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedman's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Albion	49	525	4	5	9	33	1	10000	..	......	150	....	...	500	1	28	250	160	70	230	50	10	5	165	20	5	91	70	1690	120	8583
Battle Creek	47	482	2	5	..	43	1	25000	1	2000	96	368	....	750	1	36	372	151	31	182	45	8	4	31	5	8	40	10	1770	103	89
Bellevue	16	200	..	3	17	20	2	5000	1	1000	200	....	....	100	2	38	219	84	16	100	21	4	2	32	14	10	...	...	1035	70	48
Concord	5	134	1	3	1	...	3	7500	1	1000	35	....	...	100	3	44	270	43	12	55	18	2	1	10	5	3	....	....	842	25	
Hanover	3	171	..	..	2	...	2	8000	1	800	225	...	...	150	2	25	170	57	3	60	5	2	2	4	6	....	53	....	973	30	220
Homer	23	216	1	5	1	11	1	13500	1	1500	...	...	....	250	1	26	218	37	35	72	9	3	1	4	6	2	30	30	995	20	559
Jackson.																															
1st. Church	31	543	2	6	5	12	1	65000	..	......	865	...	..	1035	1	55	585	198	102	300	50	10	5	50	11	10	109	132	2020	55	342
Cooper Street	8	68	1	..	20	6	1	3500	..	......	26	18	100	116	1	22	165	8	....	8	3	1	..	2	5	...	....	....	634	5	25
Haven Church	25	131	..	1	17	13	1	2700	.	......	200	370	285	100	1	26	208	21	....	21	1	1	1	2	10	1	24	....	534	24	
Leroy	3	106	..	2	..	5	2	5000	1	600	640	...	....	60	2	20	147	31	14	45	8	1	..	8	...	1	8	....	652	15	
Litchfield	5	134	..	5	..	2	2	4000	1	1800	550	....	....	....	2	29	157	23	3	26	4	2	..	5	2	....	....	...	750	18	
Liberty	20	105	1	1	..	12	2	4700	1	500	93	....	....	153	2	26	188	16	4	20	4	1	1	4	11	1	60	....	723	26	35
Marengo	2	123	..	..	..	...	1	2500	1	1000	30	....	....	150	3	25	125	25	6	31	6	1	1	5	1	1	....	..	819	20	68
Marshall	11	168	2	5	.	2	1	12000	1	1000	125	....	....	191	1	22	147	26	3	29	3	2	1	2	10	2	40	....	862	20	7
Mosherville	7	81	1	1	..	...	2	5500	1	500	....	....	....	80	3	34	191	49	4	53	9	2	1	26	22	2	5	....	651	40	
Nashville	...	131	1	2	1	2	2	8000	1	800	545	20	1700	58	2	30	128	30	10	40	8	1	1	20	4	1	....	....	652	21	
Olivet	4	54	1	..	2	1	1	4000	1	1000	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	6	....	6	....		.	...	...	....	....	...	279	...	
Parma	6	136	..	3	..	7	1	10000	1	2000	1200	...	----	100	2	22	120	52	5	57	8	2	2	20	12	2	11	....	792	33	
Partello	4	51	1	1	..	...	..	......	1	350	10	...	....	5	4	31	138	14	----	14	...	1	1	....	...	1	4	....	320	4	5
Penfield	68	215	..	3	2	32	1	2000	..	.....	..	....	..	29	5	59	348	72	12	84	3	1	1	5	22	1	34	....	766	48	5
South Albion	...	25	..	4	..	...	1	800	..	.....	..	....	..	25	1	9	30	9	1	10	2	1	..	3	1	1	..	....	216	4	
Springport	...	50	1	1	..	1	1	3000	1	1200	48	...	....	45	1	8	60	13	1	14	....		..	3	2	...	....	...	658	14	
Tekonsha	1	105	2	2	4	...	2	6500	1	1500	....	....	...	64	2	17	200	29	3	32	6	1	1	3	2	1	20	....	645	18	.
Tompkins	4	95	..	3	..	...	2	2000	1	1500	400	....	....	100	2	16	142	44	6	50	5	1	1	5	6	1	13	...	652	30	1
Total	342	4049	21	61	81	202	34	210200	18	20050	5433	776	2085	4161	45	638	4618	1198	341	1539	268	58	32	409	177	54	542	242	19930	863	10087

Statistics for Albion District, Michigan Conference, 1885.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	MINISTERIAL SUPPO .								
		PASTORS.			PRESID. ELD.		BISHOPS.		CON CLAIM'S	
		Claims. Including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ages	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ages	Deficiences.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid	Apportioned.	Paid.
Albion	John Graham	1500	1590	------	150	150	40	40	120	120
Battle Creek	Geo. S. Hickey	1600	1600	-- --	140	140	30	30	103	103
Bellevue	G. A. Odlum	950	950	... --	70	70	15	15	47	70
Concord	E. D. Bacon	775	775	------	62	62	-----	5	32	25
Hanover	J. Webster	900	900	------	60	60	13	13	40	30
Homer	P. J. Maveety	925	925	------	60	60	15	10	47	20
Jackson—										
First Church	W. Gardner	1850	1850	------	140	140	30	30	123	155
Cooper Street	J. J. Hartley	600	600	------	30	30	5	4	13	5
Haven Church	G. S. Barnes	800	504	296	22	22	7	7	24	24
Leroy	Jno. Hoyt	675	600	75	56	50	6	2	25	15
Litchfield	H. P. Henderson	700	700	------	45			5		18
Liberty	W. M. Coplin	700	670	30	59	49	8	4	26	26
Marengo	W. Prouty	800	764	36	50	50	9	5	29	20
Marshall	E. Cooley	920	830	90	55	30		2	44	20
Mosherville	M. F. Loomis	675	600	75	45	45	6	6	20	40
Nashville	Thos Cox	700	606	94	43	41	11	5	35	21
Olivet	N. Saunders	400	264	136	22	15	5		13	
Parma	W. M. Colby	875	725	150	61	61		6	33	33
Partello	J. Hills	400	300	100	30	18	5	2	17	4
Penfield	W. P. Mosher	700	700	------	51	51	15	15	48	48
South Albion	J. A. Bready	200	200	------	20	15		1	15	4
Springport	J. W. Steffe	700	625	75	36	31	4	2	14	14
Tekonsha	E. D. Young	675	605	70	40	34		6	26	18
Tompkins	J. H. Thomas	600	600	------	53	48	9	4	29	30
	Total	19620	18393	1227	1400	1272	233	219	923	863

Statistics for Coldwater District, Michigan Conference, for 1885.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTE'L SUPPORT.		
																		MISSIONS													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and impro'ngChs.&Par'ages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Prop.s	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Clections.
Allen	6	127	..	2	4	7	1	8000	1	850	50	....	....	135	2	35	140	45	....	45	2	1	1	3	1	----	----	....	698	20	60
Bronson	8	126	1	2	.	13	2	5000	1	550	150	...	90	75	2	18	150	18	...	18	1	....	1	2	1	1	----	----	587	5	-----
Burlington	1	70	..	..	.	...	2	5000	..	.....	...	....	....	40	2	20	140	28	2	30	4	1	..	3	8	1	----	----	626	9	-----
Burr Oak	10	110	2	1	..	15	1	5000	..	.....	...	....	...	75	3	31	160	30	....	30	2	1	1	2	2	1	12	----	475	17	-----
Butler	6	128	5	2	1	...	1	1000	1	750	250	...	...	...	4	21	179	37	3	40	6	....	.	6	....	....	----	----	600	12	10
Cambria	...	76	1	..	1	2	2	5000	1	600	....	70	260	60	2	12	120	17	8	25	....	...	..	1	4	....	18	----	600	6	-----
Camden	29	115	..	2		37	2	4400	..	.....	50	300	....	95	3	30	188	31	2	33	2	1	1	2	4	---	----	1	484	19	-----
Centerville	3	150	2	5		1	1	5000	1	1000	275	100	....	130	1	12	100	30	6	36	2	1	..	2	4	....	59	----	881	10	14
Coldwater	12	420	2	7	5	10	1	20000	..	.....	800	...	....	643	1	35	321	69	76	145	35	6	3	104	24	3	189	121	1651	78	-----
Colon	19	90	2	3	..	16	2	6300	..	....	160	200	268	40	4	36	150	22	8	30	1	....	1	1	7	1	----	...	560	10	-----
Constantine	4	130	2	..	..	...	2	15000	1	1500	35	450	550	225	2	26	140	20	4	24	2	1	1	4	....	....	16	----	862	5	-----
Girard	3	150	..	..	..	4	1	3000	1	1000	300	...	...	100	3	24	200	64	...	64	5	1	1	2	7	....	39	----	822	20	16
Hillsdale	8	194	1	4	1	3	1	12000	1	2500	....	...	..	185	1	29	255	22	28	50	6	1	1	6	2	1	25	----	890	9	146
Jonesville	8	126	..	1	..	3	2	7000	1	800	40	340	500	130	2	21	117	22	9	31	2	1	..	5	...	1	7	....	801	6	6
Kinderhook	13	109	..	1	..	3	1	2800	1	1000	...	105	184	75	1	13	64	30	....	30	4	1	1	5	....	1	----	5	606	7	5
North Adams	15	263	2	8	..	...	3	9000	1	1600	124	...	...	200	3	41	325	70	19	89	22	4	2	20	8	4	45	12	997	50	42
Osseo	13	80	..	..	..	...	2	4000	1	700	600	...	250	50	1	12	60	10	....	10	....	....	..	...	....	....	----	----	600	4	-----
Quincy	11	223	2	3	..	1	2	9000	..	....	38	...	....	151	2	31	189	64	16	80	9	3	2	17	24	3	61	4	998	41	19
Ransom	27	134	1	3	..	10	3	3500	1	450	800	....	....	90	3	27	240	34	11	45	5	1	..	4	4	.	4	----	599	15	14
Reading	1	109	..	1	..	2	1	2000	1	1000	65	....	75	75	1	9	55	13	3	16	5	2	1	4	2	2	----	----	555	14	-----
Sherwood Ath'ns	...	50	..	1	..	3	2	3000	..	....	....	....	....	12	2	17	82	25	....	25	....	....	..	....	....	....	----	----	436	2	----
South Gilead	...	41	..	1	..	...	1	1200	1	500	30	....	....	25	..	.....	....	21	....	21	...	....	..	....	....	....	33	----	400	4	----
Sturgis	10	182	1	4	4	15	1	10000	1	2000	50	....	300	274	1	16	160	51	9	60	12	2	2	15	9	....	26	....	1030	40	52
Union City	16	171	1	2	..	42	1	14000	1	1500	...	1735	....	200	1	21	170	27	....	27	3	1	1	3	3	...	...	3	882	11	-----
White Pigeon	7	100	1	2	..	...	2	4000	1	1500	127	...	..	72	2	21	128	30	8	38	10	3	1	13	6	2	24	4	738	22	2
Total	230	3474	26	55	16	187	40	164200	18	19800	3944	3300	2477	3162	49	558	3833	830	212	1042	140	32	21	224	120	21	558	150	18378	436	386

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Name of Charges	Name of Pastors.	Ministerial Support								
		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bihops.		Con Claim's	
		Claims including House Rent, or Rental Value of Par'ges.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Par'ges.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Allen	O. S. Paddock	$650	$650	......	45	45	8	3	28	20
Bronson	John Klose	650	530	120	60	55	10	2	38	5
Burlington	J. W. White	600	575	25	47	47	10	4	30	9
Burr Oak	F. A. VanDeWalker	550	430	120	40	40	8	5	25	17
Butler	J. R. Skinner	575	548	27	47	47	10	5	30	12
Cambria	A. W. Burns	560	560	......	42	40	9	......	26	6
Camden	F. Nicholson	400	450	......	30	30	6	4	19	19
Centerville	Jno. Clubine	800	800	......	75	75	10	6	16	70
Coldwater	D. F. Barnes	1500	1500	......	125	125	26	26	78	18
Colon	C W. Jones	575	509	66	45	45	9	6	28	10
Constantine	I. B. Tallman	825	790	35	64	62	15	10	44	5
Girard	S. C. Strickland	800	750	50	65	65	12	7	41	20
Hillsdale	J. G. Crozier	1005	800	205	70	70	15	10	44	9
Jonesville	Wm. Denman	750	750	......	46	46	9	5	28	6
Kinderhook	M. J. Brownell	600	556	44	45	45	9	5	28	7
North Adams	E. L. Kellogg	900	900	......	80	80	17	17	50	50
Osseo	W. S. Foster	550	550	......	40	40	10	3	25	4
Quincy	Louis Grosenbaugh	920	920	......	65	65	13	13	41	41
Ransom	W. H. Parsons	650	550	100	45	45	9	4	27	15
Reading	W. M. Paddock	700	500	200	50	50	11	5	35	14
Sherwood Athens	S. George	500	404	96	40	30	35	2	45	2
South Gilead	Edwin Tench	350	400	......	......	......	......	......	......	4
Sturgis	N. L. Bray	1025	955	70	65	65	15	10	44	40
Union City	M. D. Carrel	825	825	......	54	54	......	3	......	11
White Pigeon	L. M. Edmonds	800	675	125	55	55	11	8	34	22
	Total	18060	16877	1283	1340	1321	287	163	804	436

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																		MISSIONS'													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and impro'ng Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Prop.s	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Clections.
Allegan	22	138	3	4	..	15	1	$4000	1	$1500	$120	....	$300	$200	1	19	85	$37	$3	40	$2	$1	$1	$12	5	$1	...	...	1091	20	$20
Augusta	22	123	1	..	..	13	2	6500	1	1700	90	$200	700	85	3	25	127	47	...	47	2		..	....	5	...	...	....	669	6	.....
Bloomingdale	17	185	..	1	..	25	1	1500	1	500	100	9	6	34	4	33	240	24	2	26	3	. .	.	....	6	....	..	...	704	10	11
Banfield	8	119	..	1	..	...	2	3500	1	600	200	100	200	12	3	18	100	25	....	25	1	..	..	2	14	...	....	...	427	3	.....
Climax	12	131	..	1	1	17	2	10000	1	1800	....	. ..	50	95	2	30	170	42	8	50	10	1	1	15	12	1	71	...	927	33	47
Comstock	8	48	..	..	1	3	1	3800	1	350	100	....	250	25	2	16	94	41	5	46	6	1	1	4	6	1	9	....	600	6	7
Cooper	2	112	..	2	..	6	1	2800	1	600	75	....	...	100	2	16	100	14	....	14	1	1	1	3	1	1	40	....	658	15	3
Douglas	7	54	..	..	..	2	2	3400	1	500	50	248	365	50	2	13	130	6	....	6	2	....	..	....	3	1	....	....	632	1	.....
Fennville	14	53	1	1	..	...	2	3000	..	....	...	....	....	50	2	18	150	10	....	10	...	....	..	....	...	...	....	....	433	3	.....
Galesburg	17	181	1	1	3	12	1	14000	..	....	....	...	.	73	1	16	252	78	10	88	5	1	1	9	7	2	65	40	974	18	11
Kalamazoo	20	540	2	6	8	40	1	52000	..	....	....	....	...	1350	1	36	363	260	40	300	65	12	6	105	40	12	146	243	2027	165	475
Kendall	7	90	..	1	1	3	1	2000	1	200	40	12	188	86	1	14	105	10	5	15	....	....	..	....	2	..	13	....	410	7	.....
Lacota	1	69	..	1	7	5	2	3000	1	650	175	....	....	81	1	12	58	135	5	140	5	. .	..	20	30	....	12	....	704	9	.....
Martin	3	180	..	2	..	...	1	2000	..	......	300	....	....	56	2	21	110	31	74	105	2	1	1	4	6	1	65	....	710	26	.....
Mendon	7	121	..	6	4	5	2	4000	1	1200	303	....	100	105	2	27	150	66	36	102	14	....	2	12	12	....	32	....	983	29	. .
Oshtemo and Kalamazoo Mis	13	65	..	..	..	4	1	3000	1	700	10	....	....	75	3	45	250	28	2	30	4	1	1	5	5	1	22	....	544	16	.....
Otsego	12	209	2	1	4	30	2	4500	1	1000	35	....	100	135	2	34	255	67	23	90	19	2	3	56	8	3	62	....	893	43	18
Parkville	2	106	..	..	..	1	2	8000	1	500	30	....	. ..	68	1	8	70	30	2	32	2	1	..	2	1	...	39	....	640	17	.....
Plainwell	8	156	1	2	..	13	1	5000	1	600	126	..	....	100	1	29	226	40	25	65	4	....	..	2	5	....	58	....	768	11	12
Prairieville	7	90	1	2	..	...	2	4500	1	300	25	....	....	20	3	23	159	37	4	41	3	1	1	5	6	1	88	....	767	25	.....
Richland	4	80	1	..	..	..	1	2000	1	1500	30	....	....	50	4	45	235	23	....	23	.....	....	..	....	10	....	. ..	....	810	10	.....
Schoolcraft	13	124	..	..	2	...	1	4000	1	1600	...	30	70	134	2	28	210	35	20	55	6	..	..	11	8	...	51	120	890	20	.....
South Haven	24	158	..	1	7	18	2	4500	1	1000	650	250	....	75	2	30	215	28	8	36	2	1	2	2	5	1	32	..	974	11	2
Three Rivers	5	224	..	3	..	...	1	25000	1	2500	35	306	750	400	1	23	126	39	36	75	.....	..	..	....	...	....	65	50	1805	15	.....
Vicksburg	5	137	1	3	6	8	2	6300	1	900	...	....	....	100	2	28	170	40	....	40	.....	....	..	4	12	. .	20	....	818	15	....
Waukeshma	13	125	..	3	4	6	1	6000	1	500	50	...	....	85	2	25	108	18	7	25	2	1	1	8	...	1	28	...	603	13	....
Total	373	3618	14	42	48	226	38	188300	22	20700	5019	1149	3079	3644	52	632	4258	1211	315	1526	166	25	22	281	209	27	918	458	20958	547	606

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		PASTORS.			PRESID. ELD		BISHOPS.		CON CLAIM'S	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ages	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ages	Deficiences.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid,	Apportioned.	Paid.
Allegan	Robert Shorts	1000	1000	......	85	85	11	6	34	20
Augusta	N M. Steele	600	600	......	64	64	6	5	......	6
Bloomingdale	E. V. Armstrong	650	650	......	55	51	12	3	38	10
Banfield	O. H. Perry	600	383	217	59	43	12	1	38	3
Climax	S. D. McKee	850	850	......	72	72	11	5	43	33
Comstock	Paul DesJardins	550	550	......	47	47	5	3	15	6
Cooper	W. A. Bass	650	600	50	59	55	9	3	30	15
Douglass	A, N. Eldred	650	590	60	45	42	3	......	7	1
Fennville	D. W. Fow	572	400	86	48	32	2	......	500	3
Galesburg	E. S. Mechesney	900	900	......	68	68	14	6	42	18
Lacota	E. H King	600	650	......	51	51	6	3	19	9
Kalamazoo	A. M. Gould	1800	1800	......	180	180	47	47	148	165
Kendall	E. O. Mather	400	385	15	34	25	......	......	10	7
Martin	L. W Calkins	650	650	......	55	55	15	5	48	26
Mendon	L. DeLamarter	900	900	......	76	76	10	7	30	29
Oshtemo and Kalamazoo Mission	W. Barrett	500	500	......	40	40	4	4	16	16
Otsego	A. T. Ferguson	800	815	......	68	68	13	10	43	43
Parkville	H B. Hunt	650	580	70	55	55	6	5	23	17
Plainwell	E. A. Tanner	725	605	45	61	60	12	3	37	11
Prairieville	D. G. Bruce	700	700	......	60	60	9	7	28	25
Richland	W. P. French	710	750	......	60	60	7	......	20	10
Schoolcraft	D. W. Parsons	900	800	100	76	76	10	4	33	20
South Haven	Geo B. Kulp	900	900	......	72	72	13	2	42	11
Three Rivers	Chas S. Fox	1200	1200	......	100	100	......	5		15
Vicksburg	J. J. McAllister	750	750	......	63	63	10	5	30	15
Waukeshma	S. Kitzmiller	575	550	25	51	51	10	2	30	18
	Total	19782	19058	668	1704	1651	257	131	1304	547

Statistics for Niles District, Michigan Conference, for 1885.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'SM		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTE'L SUPPORT		
																		MISSIONS													
	No. of Probationers.	No, of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized	No. of Churches	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and impro'ng Chs. & Par'ges.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedman's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Bangor	3	65	.	1	..	2	2	4000	1	1000	250	124	300	75	3	26	110	9	....	9	1	....	..	1	...	....	....	....	768	6	.....
Benton Harbor	1	152	1	..	..	3	1	9000	..	......	200	100	600	300	1	16	190	4	....	4	...	....	..	1	2	....	16	....	752	4	.....
Berrien Springs	7	127	..	1	..	15	2	3500	1	1000	1000	....	...	100	3	32	143	37	9	46	10	2	1	20	6	2	63	...	720	24	10
Bridgeman and Stevensville	1	75	2	..	..	6	1	800	..	......	....	...	....	25	3	30	80	5	2	7	....	....	..	.	....	....	..	....	206	....	.....
Buchanan	8	185	..	5	6	27	1	3000	1	1200	160	...	....	160	1	33	285	13	17	30	7	1	1	10	6	1	32	....	789	20	108
Cassopolis	3	48	.	1	..	3	1	4000	1	1000	110	...	....	50	3	30	150	20	....	20	1	1	..	1	3	....	...	....	657	12	.....
Coloma	50	175	..	8	2	25	2	5000	2	2000	15	150	600	150	1	14	95	30	....	30	10	....	..	2	7	...	16	4	706	10	63
Dayton	17	62	..	1	..	4	3	4000	1	400	1000	...	525	20	2	24	125	5	....	5	....	...	..	....	6	....	10	....	526	4	....
Dowagiac	12	150	..	3	..	12	1	4000	..	......	....	....	....	100	1	19	108	23	20	43	11	1	1	7	4	5	22	5	862	16	....
Decatur	21	167	1	3	1	6	1	3000	..	.....	1150	....	...	100	2	34	288	20	....	20	5	1	1	5	10	1	....	....	754	13	100
Edwardsburg	4	150	..	..	..	3	2	2200	1	1500	100	....	....	....	2	23	150	33	....	33	1	...	..	1	11	....	....	....	506	5	.....
Hartford	6	75	..	1	..	5	1	2500	..	......	....	75	...	85	1	11	120	17	....	17	2	....	..	3	3	....	12	....	517	9	.....
Keeler	5	159	1	1	..	...	3	5000	1	600	....	....	200	50	2	12	50	19	....	19	3	....	1	3	...	1	....	....	702	4	.....
Lagrange	10	104	1	..	..	2	2	4000	1	300	....	..	...	30	2	15	100	25	...	25	3	1	.	2	....	....	....	...	493	7	.....
Lawton	6	120	..	1	..	...	1	2000	1	500	25	....	....	50	3	28	145	25	....	25	4	1	..	....	....	4	. .	...	492	7	.....
Marcellus	3	89	1	..	..	3	2	3000	1	600	75	....	...	40	2	30	160	37	....	37	3	1	..	2	....	.. .	....	....	641	6	.....
Mattawan	23	94	..	4	..	13	3	5000	1	600	60	137	....	66	2	28	122	16	19	35	6	1	..	..	9	1	....	....	619	23	2
New Buffalo	9	90	1	3	1	7	4	7000	1	500	....	270	250	50	4	30	141	10	....	10	2	..	..	2	1	....	....	....	541	9	6
Niles	32	323	1	3	4	5	1	13000	1	3000	570	150	1650	360	1	38	365	66	44	110	25	3	2	25	13	11	122	....	1272	62	..
PawPaw	...	114	1	3	..	...	1	8000	1	1000	27	....	..	104	1	14	60	25	....	25	2	....	..	3	5	....	20	....	835	6	....
Pipestown	2	107	..	1	..	4	1	3000	..	......	75	200	....	100	2	30	225	11	....	11	5	.. .	..	4	1	.	....	....	495	5	....
Pokayon	20	200	1	4	4	62	4	7000	1	400	60	....	....	135	3	32	170	52	8	60	5	1	1	6	5	....	130	....	878	24	....
St. Joseph	19	180	2	2	4	20	1	14000	1	1000	707	....	...	350	1	21	250	75	25	100	20	1	1	14	6	3	...	20	1141	41	.....
Vandalia	3	108	..	..	..	7	4	7500	1	1000	20	170	800	65	3	35	175	13	....	13	3	...	..	2	....	....	....	....	568	6	.....
Lawrence	25	74	1	..	10	2	1	1000	1	500	20	...	. ..	15	1	12	95	9	....	9	3	....	--	....	3	....	...	....	164	2	.....
Total	290	3193	14	46	32	235	46	124500	20	18100	5624	1376	4925	2580	50	617	3902	599	144	743	132	15	9	114	101	29	443	29	16604	325	289

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		PASTORS.			PRESID ELD		BISHOPS,		CON CLAIM'S	
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Bangor	G. A Buell	$1725	$725	......	$40	$10	$8	$3	$24	$6
Benton Harbor	L. W. Earl,	000	700	$300	52	52	7	.	26	4
Berrien Springs	J. White	700	666	34	46	46	10	8	30	24
Bridgeman&Stevensville	J. R. Oden	......	170	....	36	36	......	.	......	..
Buchanan	C. G. Thomas	720	725	......	56	56	10	8	26	20
Cassopolis	J. H. Tanner	740	615	125	40	40	8	2	24	12
Coloma	R. C. Wilkinson	800	650	150	56	52	8	5	......	10
Dayton	W. L. Jakways	486	486	......	36	36	6	4	......	4
Dowagiac	A. D. Newton	800	800	......	56	56	12	6	35	16
Decatur	W. J. Hathaway	700	700	......	52	52	10	4	24	13
Edwardsburg	G. C. Elliott	600	450	150	56	48	......	3	......	5
Hartford	L. S. Matthews	600	479	121	40	36	8	2	24	9
Keeler	U. Mason	700	650	50	56	48	12	4	35	4
LaGrange	J. W. Buell	450	450	......	40	40	8	8	25	7
Lawton	O. D. Watkins	650	450	200	48	35	10	7	......	7
Lawrence	H. C. Chamberlain	154	154	......	......	8	......	2	......	2
Marcellus	C. H. Fisher	600	600	......	40	40	......	1	......	6
Mattawan	W. W. Lamport	600	582	18	32	32	8	5	23	23
New Buffalo	G. W Gosling	675	500	175	48	36	10	5	32	9
Niles	I. R. A. Wightman	1150	1150	......	102	102	20	20	......	62
Paw Paw	A. F. Hart	800	783	17	60	48	12	4	35	6
Pipestone	H. H. Parker	450	450	......	36	36	8	4	......	5
Pokagon,	I. Wilson	775	810	......	56	61	12	7	36	24
St. Joseph	G. L. Cole	1050	1050	......	80	80	14	11	44	41
Vandalia	E. B. Patterson	525	525	......	40	40	......	3	......	6
	Total	16450	15320	1340	1204	1156	201	126	442	325

Statistics for Grand Rapids District, Michigan Conference, for 1885.

NAMES CHARGES.	MEMBER SHIP				BAP-T'MS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTE'L SUPPORT.		
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	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and impro'ngChs.&Par'ages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Prop.s	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Alaska and Ada..	...	40	..	..	3	...	1	$2000		......	----	....	....	16	1	7	40	$5	..	$5	....	----	..	....	....	----	....	....	164	----	....
Ashland	35	141	1	2	17	45	1	4000	1	$400	----	517	1900	25	4	37	250	7	$5	12	....	....	..	....	2	----	...	. .	341	7	....
Berlin.	8	112	1	1	1	7	2	5250	2	900	170	....	----	100	3	31	130	15	3	18	3	1	1	4	5	1	10	....	590	3	19
Byron Center....	14	166	2	1	1	7	1	2000	1	800	250	----	....	125	2	22	150	30	20	50	12	---	1	12	5	....	----	....	727	16	23
Caledonia........	27	106	..	..	...	3	3	4500	1	800	58	300	350	20	4	45	246	25	....	25	5	2	..	2	4	1	....	....	552	16	3
Cannonsburg....	6	83	..	2	2	10	3	7000	1	1000	....	....	....	...	3	25	150	25	....	25	4	....	..	5	----	5	...	....	682	10	....
Casnovia	14	104	1	4	2	...	2	4000	1	800	50	45	600	62	2	22	75	10	....	10	3	2	1	4	....	....	....	....	656	5	----
Cedar Springs...	11	158	..	5	..	51	2	7000	1	800	170	....	....	82	3	26	195	23	8	31	1	. ..	..	2	3	....	----	....	709	10	20
Coopersville.....	1	78	..	2	3	1	2	4000	1	800	500	....	....	100	2	22	150	28	2	30	5	1	1	5	5	1	31	....	852	25	45
Grandville.......	2	62	1	2	...	2	1	3000	1	800	10	629	102	25	3	32	175	5	....	5	....	....	..	----	.	....	....	....	490	5	....
Hastings.........	20	248	..	2	12	14	1	6000	1	1500	88	----	....	189	1	27	341	135	18	153	30	4	2	55	25	4	59	----	1235	90	181
Hastings Circuit.	43	125	2	..	14	27	..	......	..	......	...	....	....	. ..	3	47	180	20	....	20	2	----	.	12	14	1	16	....	497	10	24
Holland..........	24	107	1	..	1	1	2	3500	1	800	345	----	58	92	2	22	167	11	19	30	1	....	..	5	....	----	...	----	748	19	12
Grand Haven....	1	39	.	2	...	...	1	3000	..	------	----	....	....	50	1	9	62	4	1	5	----	....	...	....	....	....	....	----	425	1	....
Grand Rapids																															
Ames Church .	16	171	..	2	4	1	1	3600	..	......	65	60	850	200	1	22	240	10	28	38	2	1	1	2	7	1	30	75	850	32	....
Division St....	23	482	4	6	12	6	1	50000	..	......	620	..	....	2600	1	45	357	1320	130	1450	100	200	200	20	154	9	490	100	3120	172	175
East St.........	7	138	..	1	11	2	1	6000	..	......	30	300	...	150	2	28	284	46	14	60	8	1	1	10	15	2	31	....	1029	15	34
Plainfield Ave.	15	85	1	2	4	6	1	4000	..	......	125	50	175	50	1	20	200	20	....	20	3	1	..	2	....	....	....	...	667	10	. ...
Second St......	7	225	2	5	9	...	1	40000	1	3500	4000	....	...	300	1	20	250	90	10	100	10	2	2	5	22	3	80	80	1539	11	50
Irving.	47	89	1	..	...	14	1	3000	1	1000	----	65	263	15	3	21	116	20	...	20	5	1	..	12	2	1	....	....	426	10	....
Middleville	4	121	..	2	1	6	1	2000	1	1200	...	12	61	65	3	18	137	15	11	26	5	1	1	5	3	1	20	----	745	7	... .
Monterey	...	55	1	..	...	...	1	1500	1	150	....	----	....	40	4	35	150	12	....	12	....	....	..	....	....	----	...	....	538	5	1
Muskegon.......	6	299	1	2	8	6	1	10000	1	4000	----	1300	....	414	1	26	350	122	36	158	30	5	3	80	26	5	58	105	1655	90	80
Newaygo	8	44	..	1	2	3	1	1500	1	500	50	....	....	15	1	13	122	2	....	2	1	....	..	2	1	....	....	....	380	5	....
Ravenna..... ...	...	37	1	1	...	...	1	1200	1	500	15	250	....	35	2	14	60	5	....	5	----	. .	..	....	7	....	----	....	420	1	....
Rockford	9	358	..	2	...	6	2	6000	1	700	15	....	450	49	2	27	134	26	2	28	....	2	1	2	4	1	...	....	763	5	5
Sparta.	. 2	135	..	..	...	1	2	4500	1	1750	60	14	----	45	2	20	120	27	15	42	6	2	1	6	3	2	20	....	707	28	34
Spring Lake.....	23	121	..	1	5	7	1	4000	1	800	....	66	40	50	2	28	140	11	7	18	3	....	..	5	1	1	...	....	801	10	....
Wayland and Bradly Ind Mis	...	72	1	..	1	...	1	1800	1	600	....	...	....	40	2	22	119	8	....	8	2	....	..	2	....	----	----	....	493	12	....
Total	373	3801	21	48	113	226	39	194350	23	23800	6621	3608	4849	4954	62	733	5090	2077	329	2406	241	226	216	259	308	39	845	360	22801	619	736

Statistics for Grand Rapids District, Michigan Conference, 1885.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT								
		PASTORS.			PRESID. ELD		BISHOPS.		CONCLAIM'S	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ages	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ages	Deficiences.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid	Apportioned.	Paid.
Alaska and Ada	D. Cronk	$ 150	$ 150	$ ..	$ 32	$ 14	$ ..	$ ..	$ ..	$ ..
Ashland	W. A. Frye	400	310	90	30	30	5	1	15	7
Berlin	J. W. Horner	600	540	60	60	45	7	5	20	3
Byron Center	A. J. Wheeler	675	660	15	64	64	9	3	28	16
Caledonia	N. D. Marsh	552	514	38	36	36	5	2	16	16
Cannonsburg	A. M. Griffith	600	600	......	76	76	7	5	21	10
Casnovia	A. J. Van Wyck	650	600	50	57	57	......	5	16	5
Cedar Springs	E. Wigle	653	644	19	72	60	9	5	28	10
Coopersville	H. D. Jordan	775	800	......	50	50	7	2	24	25
Grandville	F. L. Thompson	500	446	54	44	44	4	......	14	5
Hastings Circuit	A. K. Stewart	500	468	32	28	28	4	1	12	10
Hastings	W. A. Hunsberger	1050	1093	......	108	111	30	30	90	90
Holland	T. T. George	800	700	100	44	44	8	4	18	9
Irving	A. S. Williams	375	375	......	48	48	3	3	10	10
Middleville	J. E. White	800	700	100	52	42	6	3	14	7
Monterey	R. Shire	580	496	84	40	40	5	2	15	5
Grand Haven	W. W. Rork	600	400	200	36	25	......	......	10	1
Grand Rapids										
Ames Church	R. C. Crawford	800	800	......	40	40	10	10	32	32
Division St	J. E. Gilbert	2800	2800	......	270	270	50	50	......	90
East St	J. W. H. Carlisle	1000	975	25	44	44	12	10	......	15
Plainfield Ave	L. Dodds	700	625	75	40	40	......	2	32	10
Second St	J. W. Miller	1400	400	......	132	132	7	7	11	11
Muskegon	J. I. Buell	1500	500	......	125	125	30	30	90	90
Newaygo	W. G. Talbert	550	352	198	27	27	......	1	21	5
Ravenna	Chas. Sonnema	500	390	110	30	30	3	......	9	1
Rockford	G. W. Tuthill	800	700	100	60	60	......	3	......	5
Sparta	A. Hunsberger	650	650	......	64	51	9	6	28	28
Spring Lake	J. W. Rawlinson	750	750	......	48	48	5	3	15	10
Wayland and Bradley Ind. Mis	R. Phillips	550	450	100	51	43	6	......	17	12
Total		$22,260	$20,888	$1,450	$1,808	$1,724	$241	$193	$606	$598

Statistics for Ionia District, Michigan Conference, for 1885.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP T'SM		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTE'L SUPPORT		
																		MISSIONS													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No Children Baptized	No. Adults Baptized	No. of Churches	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and impro'ng Chs & Par'ges.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. o Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedman's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society	For Women's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Alma	4	110	2	1	..	5	1	$2,500	..	$....	$108	$ ..	$ ..	$ 50	1	11	330	$ ..	$ ..	$.	$ ..	$ ..	$.	$ 3	$ ..	$ ..	$ ..	$ ..	$ 507	$ 5	$ ..
Belding	11	30	..		..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	18	75	4	..	4	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	325	2	..
Bowne	9	141	2	1	..	..	3	6000	1	800	150	65	..	85	3	35	230	35	6	41	2	1	..	1	8	..	20	..	576	8	..
Carson City	4	149	2	2	1	10	2	6000	..	..	75	75	..	75	2	30	210	26	3	29	2	2	..	2	2	1	..	..	651	3	..
Coral	8	99	1	5	..	4	1	2500	1	155	..	..	175	..	3	40	200	6	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	439	..	..
Danby	7	101	1	2	..	5	3	6500	1	700	100	100	125	150	3	38	175	14	11	25	1	..	..	2	5	..	..	..	515	6	..
Edmore	12	49	1	1	4	..	2	4000	..	..	2000	77	1100	50	1	12	60	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	682	3	..
Elm Hall	6	60	..	..	3	..	1	3000	..	..	..	75	440	75	1	10	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	403	..	..
Freeport	10	58	1	1	..	7	1	1200	..	..	400	..	..	..	2	17	180	12	..	12	3	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	453	3	..
Greenville	5	225	1	3	2	10	1	6000	1	1000	..	..	..	250	1	26	281	85	27	112	5	1	1	5	5	2	81	79	1267	60	100
Greenville Cir.	68	106	1	2	1	24	4	5100	..	..	45	..	..	40	4	48	210	20	..	20	4	1	1	5	3	1	2	..	657	8	..
Hubbardston	15	108	..	2	..	10	3	7000	1	800	..	100	..	90	1	16	100	18	4	22	3	1	1	3	7	6	26	..	618	10	15
Ionia	50	357	3	3	5	11	1	50000	1	3500	50	..	25	696	1	37	360	148	27	175	41	7	3	49	16	5	40	124	1444	105	548
Lakeview	3	67	2	..	..	3	1	3000	1	1000	..	..	..	125	1	18	130	7	13	20	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	636	17	..
Langston	5	47	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	278	7	..
Lowell	14	143	..	5	..	27	1	6000	..	..	241	..	..	..	1	15	165	20	10	30	2	..	..	1	14	..	60	..	750	9	..
Lyons	10	120	..	2	..	6	2	6000	1	1200	20	..	..	125	2	22	100	3	9	12	..	..	..	2	4	3	..	..	742	5	..
Orange	31	196	2	2	6	30	2	3500	1	1000	50	..	..	100	3	41	242	70	8	78	20	3	2	23	4	8	29	..	894	18	..
Orleans	1	92	1	2	..	2	2	4000	1	800	..	..	..	..	3	29	153	20	..	20	3	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	533	15	..
Palo	8	179	3	..	..	3	2	5000	1	500	..	..	..	100	2	25	135	34	8	42	5	..	..	2	..	..	29	50	672	9	..
Saranac	21	70	..	..	..	13	2	3500	1	750	9	..	..	75	2	16	100	12	..	12	1	1	..	..	10	1	..	..	759	10	..
Sheridan	1	39	1	..	..	..	1	3500	1	450	300	..	150	40	1	9	25	4	1	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	351	2	..
Stanton	15	93	..	1	..	8	1	4000	1	1200	..	..	..	153	1	12	200	27	10	37	4	1	1	4	3	1	20	..	1123	10	..
St. Louis	27	100	..	..	2	..	1	5000	1	1000	..	..	..	100	1	15	200	15	2	17	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	894	5	..
Vergennes	5	100	..	..	3	..	2	5000	1	400	5	..	..	25	3	23	109	26	..	*36	3	2	1	7	2	1	81	..	636	9	..
Woodlond	23	108	1	..	1	16	3	7000	1	800	200	..	700	150	3	29	185	17	..	17	6	2	1	9	3	2	..	..	747	10	..
Total	373	2947	25	35	29	212	43	152300	17	16,055	4753	492	2715	2524	48	592	4145	642	140	782	108	23	13	126	96	26	389	253	17,652	337	$663

*Mrs. A. VanDusen willed to Missionary Society $172.16.

Statistics for Ionia District, Michigan Conference, 1885.

NAME OF CHARGES.	NAME OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESID ELD		BISHOPS.		CON CLAIM'S	
		Claims including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Par'ges.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Alma	J. W. Sutton	$ 575	$ 470	$ 105	$ 42	$ 31	$ 8	$ 6	$ ..	$ 5
Belding	Clark Seymour	450	300	150	24	24	4	1	7	2
Bowne	J. A. Weyant	650	620	30	60	54	......	2	8	8
Carson City	F. I. Bell	700	604	96	64	47	......	......	......	3
Coral	W. Pierce	549	398	151	40	40	7	1	26	......
Danby	F. N. Jares	600	460	140	56	58	10	2	27	6
Edmore	D. C, Riehl	900	650	250	40	32	......	......	......	3
Elm Hall	J. W. Perkins	548	376	172	24	24	......	3	......	....
Freeport	D. L. Thomas	475	415	60	36	36	6	2	15	3
Greenville	G. D. Lee	1150	1150	......	102	102	20	15	60	60
Greenville Circuit	L. M. Garlick	600	600	......	52	52	10	5	......	8
Hubbardston	D. C. Woodard	700	575	125	52	38	9	5	12	10
Ionia	Levi Master	1300	1300	......	120	120	24	24	86	103
Lake View	D. S. Haviland	600	600	......	34	34	6	2	8	17
Langston	A. J. Comdon	350	260	90	16	16	2	2	7	7
Lowell	J. W. Davids	700	700	......	50	48	4	2	10	9
Lyons and Muir	Jehiel Gulick	850	720	130	50	45	9	2	27	5
Orange	J. F. Orwick	800	813	......	68	68	13	13	43	18
Orleans	S. C. Woodard	675	502	173	48	26	8	5	23	15
Palo	T. H. Jacokes	800	600	200	68	66	10	6	......	9
Saranac	W. Judd	700	700	......	55	55	10	4	23	10
Sheridan	J. R. Bowen	500	325	175	34	25	5	1	12	2
Stanton	H. S. Bargelt	1150	1050	100	68	68	......	5	......	10
St. Louis	M. W. F. Smith	850	850	......	72	45	13	2	40	5
Vergennes	J. Marzolf	725	578	147	60	53	11	5	28	9
Woodland	O. E. Wightman	700	700	......	44	44	8	3	28	10
Total		$18,597	$16,286	$2,204	$1,379	$1,251	$197	$118	$490	$337

Statistics for Lansing District, Michigan Conference, for 1885.

NAMES	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS		CHURCH PROPERTY.									SUNDAY SCHOOLS			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTE'L SUPPORT.		
																			MISSIONS													
CHARGES.	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and impro'ngChs.&Par'ages	Paid on old indebted ness on Church Prop.s	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For, Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Bath	45	125	..	1	5	27	2	$ 3000	1	$ 500	$ 20	$310	$ ..	$ 80	4	40	240	$ 41	$ 4	$ 45	$ 4	$ ..	$1	$ 4	$ 7	$ 2	$ 30	$ ..	$ 636	$ 15	$ 28
Breckenridge	6	71	..	1	1	...	..	....	1	500	600	. .	....	20	1	10	94	4	1	5	2	....	--	2	...	....	....	----	403	2	.....
Charlotte	9	244	1	2	--	9	1	6000	1	2500	50	----	....	200	1	27	230	35	15	50	7	2	2	3	...	...	40	....	1310	80	25
Dewitt	28	100	..	..	4	34	2	3000	1	600	200	40	600	40	1	15	75	26	----	26	5	1	1	8	12	1	25	....	719	14	16
Eagle	48	93	1	..	2	12	2	5000	..	-------	65	11	240	120	1	8	140	10	6	16	4	----	..	4	1	4	----	17	622	10	2
Eaton Circuit	...	68	..	..	..	...	2	2500	..	....	50	....	. ..	100	1	12	60	24	. ..	24	2	2	..	3	4	....	....	----	307	12	.....
Eaton Rapids	5	284	1	4	..	5	1	15000	1	1000	100	----	...	275	1	21	203	91	9	100	5	2	2	2	....	2	80	5	1226	82	109
Elsie	11	235	3	3	1	1	2	7000	..	-------	....	900	....	130	3	42	280	31	9	40	10	1	1	10	4	1	75	----	740	20	.....
Fowler	44	40	..	2	1	20	1	2000	..	---	13	....	....	----	2	20	80	20	....	20	5	1	..	5	----	1	....	.. .	483	21	.....
Grand Ledge	3	99	2	1	..	...	2	6000	..	----	....	----	700	20	2	13	90	6	2	8	2	1	..	2	3	2	....	...	430	4	-----
Gresham	5	88	4	..	..	---	2	5000	1	400	....	20	200	30	2	20	50	5	----	5	1	....	--	3	2	....	20	....	40	2	.....
Ithaca	5	197	5	..	1	14	2	5000	1	800	400	...	...	105	2	22	222	21	3	24	3	....	..	3	22	....	9	....	1075	18	.....
Lansing																															
Central Church	14	305	5	8	6	5	1	15000	1	3000	170	..	....	466	1	28	250	95	43	138	10	2	2	20	9	10	44	...	1527	48	62
First Church	12	100	..	1	..	15	1	4000	1	1500	----	....	....	125	1	20	120	21	10	31	1	....	--	1	5	5	26	....	794	8	.....
Leslie	16	147	1	6	..	3	1	4000	..	. ---	....	80	...	120	2	24	155	54	6	60	1	1	1	1	6	1	63	10	709	16	10
Maple Rapids	5	146	1	4	..	11	2	2200	1	300	30	...	150	90	3	30	144	13	4	17	2	1	1	3	8	1	....	....	702	10	7
Mason	10	252	..	5	--	16	1	5000	1	1500	558	194	----	200	1	29	261	80	33	113	20	5	..	27	27	2	42	----	1305	62	50
Okemos	13	137	3	..	1	2	2	3000	1	500	80	...	....	60	3	24	300	35	1	36	5	1	1	4	7	1	52	....	606	18	. ...
Ovid	110	180	1	3	..	105	1	4500	1	1500	91	...	....	173	1	21	150	88	15	103	18	3	2	54	32	13	72	204	1142	74	.....
Portland	14	240	2	..	..	4	1	6000	1	2000	72	----	----	250	1	16	259	76	44	120	18	...	..	18	10	60	90	235	1306	50	.....
Potterville	3	107	2	2	1	...	2	8000	..	----	165	...	1800	125	1	15	80	49	....	49	3	....	..	9	----	5	....	....	745	20	3
St. Johns	20	223	.	3	2	5	1	6500	1	1500	----	134	452	150	1	23	253	61	10	71	20	4	2	69	44	4	28	....	1090	50	.....
Vermontville	26	161	1	2	..	19	2	4000	1	900	75	....	....	125	2	26	124	27	3	30	8	3	1	14	3	4	....	12	821	20	.....
Victor	30	157	1	1	..	6	3	5000	..	------	----	----	150	30	3	40	140	16	----	16	1	....	..	1	....	3	63	5	656	17	15
Winfield	...	79	1	1	..	...	2	2300	1	600	150	81	300	65	2	28	150	12	8	20	2	2	1	3	2	----	100	..	597	22	23
Total	482	3877	35	50	25	313	39	129500	17	$19600	2389	1770	4592	3099	43	594	4141	$941	$226	1167	$159	$32	18	$273	$208	$122	$859	$488	$19991	$695	$347

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		PASTORS.			PRESID. ELD		BISHOPS.		CON CLAIM'S	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ages	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ages	Deficiences.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid	Apportioned.	Paid.
Bath	G. L. Mount	$ 587	$ 587	$	$ 43	$ 45	$ 6	$ 4	$ 21	$ 15
Breckenridge	E. A. Boynton	400	374	26	29	29	5	1	16	2
Charlotte	J. W. Ried	1200	1200	......	100	100	18	10	40	80
Dewitt	Thos. Riley	700	675	25	40	40	4	4	24	14
Eagle	A. E. Craig	530	575	......	41	41	8	6	26	10
Eaton Circuit	F. B. Bangs	275	275	......	28	28	4	4	15	12
Eaton Rapids	W. I. Cogshall	1100	1100	......	103	103	23	23	74	82
Elsie	Geo. Varion	700	656	44	81	74	20	10	64	20
Fowler	F. F. Bliss	450	450	......	30	30	8	3	11	21
Grand Ledge	J. B Knott	578	392	185	42	33	7	5	23	4
Gresham	A. Potter	......	993	......	38	38	6	1	21	2
Ithaca	S. Nelson	1000	......	2	75	75	......	2	......	18
Lansing										
Central Church	W. H. Thompson	1400	1400	......	117	117	......	12	77	48
First "	J. S. Valentine	750	750	......	52	42	......	2	......	8
Leslie	C. A Jacokes	700	650	50	61	54	......	5	......	16
Maple Rapids	E. H. Dissette	700	665	35	59	34	13	3	43	10
Mason	F. L. McCoy	1100	1200	......	85	85	20	20	62	62
Okemos	G. E. Hollister	600	550	50	52	52	10	4	34	18
Ovid	G. C. Draper	1050	1050	......	79	79	13	13	41	74
Portland	M. M. Callen	1200	1200	......	101	101	......	5	......	50
Potterville	N. L. Brockway	778	688	90	54	54	11	3	34	20
St Johns	R. H. Bready	1000	1000	......	80	80	16	10	51	52
Vermontville	B. E. Paddock	800	750	50	63	63	11	7	37	20
Victor	V. P. Welch	650	600	50	55	55	11	1	36	15
Winfield	Wm. Taylor	600	550	50	40	41	6	6	21	22
	Total	$18.848	$18.335	$657	$1,548	$1,493	$215	$ 164	$771	$69

Conference, for 1886.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP'T'SM		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTE'L SUPPORT		
																		MISSIONS													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. Children Baptized	No. Adults Baptized	No. of Churches	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and impro'ng Chs. & Par'ges.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedman's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society	For Women's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Ashton	10	53	..	2	3	4	1	$2000	..	$....	$...	$..	$285	$15	1	$15	$70	$..	$..	$..	$..	$..	.	$..	$..	$..	$..	$..	$80	$..	$..
Big Rapids	28	291	1	4	2	9	2	6500	1	1200	1800	....	200	200	3	62	475	25	25	50	3	2	1	3	30	1	53	....	1243	25	....
Clare	25	89	..	..	6	3	3	7500	1	500	1500	....	500	150	3	30	200	20	...	20	3	....	..	2	2	....	....	....	625	6	....
Calkinsville	3	43	..	1	...	...	.	..	..	......	10	..	.....	....	1	9	36	4	...	4	1	....	..	1	....	....	....	....	196	2	....
Coleman	3	16	..	2	...	...	1	2500	..	......	..	....	600	....	1	14	60	4	....	4	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	121	1	....
Evart	6	153	1	1	2	...	2	5000	1	1500	1760	..	250	125	2	28	230	15	5	20	4	1	1	4	7	1	....	....	1069	10	....
Fremont	....	.....	..	1	....	....	1	2000	1	500	100	....	.....	50	1	14	75	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	44	....	....
Freesoil	11	83	.	2	7	7	1	2000	..	......	.....	30	450	20	1	9	61	5	...	5	1	....	..	1	1	....	....	....	447	3	....
Gladwin	13	20	..	..	...	...	1	3000	..	......	400	....	400	20	2	11	45	2	....	2	.. .	1	..	....	....	....	....	....	196	....	....
Gilmore	30	25	..	..	...	...	1	1800	..	......	.....	..	.....	.....	1	8	50	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	95	....	....
Hart	14	125	1	1	...	21	2	3500	1	1000	325	....	.....	65	2	20	150	10	....	10	1	....	..	....	2	....	....	....	992	4	....
Harrison	...	18	1	1	...	..	1	2000	..	......	.....	200	600	50	..	....	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	92	....	....
Hersey	8	73	1	1	...	3	2	1500	..	......	45	129	200	20	4	20	100	6	....	6	1	1	..	1	3	....	....	....	631	2	....
Hesperia	12	61	1	2	10	3	1	1000	1	900	10	....	100	25	1	16	81	11	4	15	1	1	..	9	8	....	....	....	421	7	....
Howard City	...	108	..	2	1	4	1	2500	..	.. ..	.....	....	.....	75	2	20	157	14	....	14	1	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	320	6	...
Holton	3	42	1	..	...	3	2	2900	1	150	150	189	157	8	1	9	50	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	315	...	....
Isabella Ind. Miss.	13	75	7	5	14	...	1	500	..	......	.....	....	.....	15	..	....	....	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	...	....	75	....	..
Ludington	3	114	1	2	2	7	1	2500	..	.. ...	325	50	500	170	1	16	135	20	14	34	5	1	1	10	6	4	....	....	1181	14	....
Lutner	43	42	..	2	4	13	1	3000	1	1000	532	....	.. .	75	1	18	141	20	4	24	5	2	1	15	5	2	1	1	744	15	1
Manistee	20	165	..	..	11	14	1	10000	1	2000	40	1610	2350	156	1	26	330	60	40	100	14	4	5	16	30	19	23	...	1278	35	29
Milbrook	57	135	1	..	...	9	3	4500	1	100	1473	300	1000	30	5	33	230	....	5	5	3	1	1	3	.. .	.. .	....	....	545	4	....
Montague	52	184	2	2	12	55	1	4000	1	1500	800	...	650	...	3	30	160	27	....	27	8	1	1	15	5	2	42	....	958	18	....
Morley	50	131	3	1	6	43	2	3600	1	600	360	...	200	90	4	35	147	10	...	10	....	...	.	.. .	5	....	....	....	735	10	....
Mt. Pleasant	10	119	..	4	8	8	1	19000	..	......	300	.	......	250	1	25	219	35	25	60	8	3	3	20	7	3	..	....	1247	20	34
North Muskegon	6	15	..	..	6	...	1	1560	.	....	1240	.. .	320	...	1	4	35	...	1	1	....	.. -	..	....	----	....	2	....	125	....	....
Pentwater	12	45	..	.	1	3	1	6000	..	......	120	....	......	128	1	16	100	10	...	10	5	....	..	2	6	...	..	....	501	5	.. ..
Pierson	29	146	1	1	..	17	2	5000	1	500	667	....	.....	70	2	24	150	36	...	36	5	1	1	10	4	1	...	....	720	14	1
Reed City	1	130	1	1	4	13	1	7000	..	......	.....	418	900	90	2	32	160	10	4	14	2	.. .	..	1	3	. ..	....	...	851	5	1
Riverton I. Miss.	..	....	..	..	...	...	..		..	... .	. . .	....	...	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	.. .	......	...	.....
Salt River	6	67	1	1	...	5	1	2500	..	.. ..	15	....	450	15	3	25	120	5	....	5	2	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	415	3	-----
Shelby	8	183	2	1	...	2	1	4000	1	500	25	300	50	...	1	16	163	42	.	42	3	1	.	1	1	....	...	...	652	4	.....
Stanwood	6	18	..	..	...	...	..	......	1	600	....	....	......	....	1	10	45	...	....	....	...	....	.	....	...	...	...	..	37	...	. ..
Summit	10	71	..	..	2	5	1	2000	1	1000	200	....	130	5	3	18	95	7	1	8	2	....	1	3	2	. .	....		508	7	.....
Sanford	...	26	..	..	1	...	1	2000	..	......	.....	..	300	....	3	19	108	3	....	3	1	1	.	1	....	....		....	230	3	.....
White Cloud	15	11	..	..	10	8	1	2500	..	......	1100	....	650	....	1	6	59	...	.. .	..	...	..	..	....	....	...	....	....	375	1	.. ..
White Hall	9	103	..	..	3	...	1	4300	1	1200	....	. .	300	130	1	15	150	40	30	70	10	2	2	10	10	2	38	...	1226	20	20
Chase	5	54	..	.	3	3	1	1000	.	......	....	40	.....	40	1	12	80	8	....	8	...	...	..	....	3	. .	....	....	230	5	.....
Crystal Valley	12	35	..	..	...	1	1	500	1	500	15	....	....	....	5	25	125	4	. .	4	1	....	..	1	..	....	....	....	250	1	. ...
Total	553	3069	26	40	118	272	46	131160	18	15250	3312	3266	11542	2087	67	687	4591	453	158	611	90	23	18	129	147	$35	159	$1	19400	250	$86

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAME OF CHARGES	NAME OF PASTORS.	PASTORS.			PRESID ELD		BISHOPS.		CON CLAIM'S	
		Claims including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Par'ges.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Ashton	F A Swem.	$ 50	$ 50	$...	$ 30	$ 30	$...	$...	$...	$...
Big Rapids	J W Hallenbeck.	1200	1100	100	128	128	15	15	48	25
Clare	W N Younglove.	656	580	70	52	42	5	3	18	6
Calkinsville	H S Taft	330	170	160	30	25	8	1	10	2
Coleman	L W Bacon'	600	100	500	28	21	......	......	......	1
Evart	George Donaldson	1000	1000	......	72	67	6	2	22	10
Fremont	John C Beach	......	......	......	44	44				
Freesoil	E F Newell	460	406	51	40	10	......	1	......	3
Gladwin	Robert R Floody	800	164	136	30	30	2	2		
Gilmore	B D Searles	100	80	20	15	15				
Hart	William M Puffer.	850	940	......	52	52	6	......	24	4
Harrison.	R A Wright	71	71	......	20	18				
Hersey	George Killean	400	320	80	40	40	......	1	......	2
Hesperia	John C Beach	425	382	48	36	36	8	8	7	7
Howard City	H R Hawley	600	825	275	50	42	6	8	20	6
Holton	A S Jenkins	400	290	110	25	25	8	......	5	
Isabella Ind. Mission	H S Taft	100	75	25	10	10				
Ludington	J K Stark	1120	1120	......	56	56	5	5	14	14
Luther	George H Lockhart	500	700	......	40	10	3	4	10	15
Manistee	J C Floyd	1200	1200	......	68	68	10	10	22	35
Millbrook	C E Mitchell	520	495	25	50	50	3	......	10	4
Montague	M W Knapp	900	900	......	52	52	8	6	25	18
Morley	C W Smith	625	576	49	56	56	5	8	12	10
Mt. Pleasant	George L Haight	1175	1175	......	66	66	6	6	16	20
North Muskegon	J N Dayton	125	125	......						
Pentwater	A H Gamble	460	460	......	40	40	3	1	8	5
Pierson	E T Lumber	687	657	30	56	55	7	7	19	14
Reed City	G Daniels	800	800	......	50	50	1	1	5	5
Riverton Ind. Mission	Thomas Young									
Salt River	A A Darling	400	365	35	50	50	3	......	1	3
Shelby	S G Blanchard	600	600	......	52	52	8	......	28	4
Stanwood	S C Tiney	......	17	......	20	20				
Summit	Thomas Young	500	450	50	56	56	4	2	8	7
Sanford	James Robinson	260	198	62	32	31	3	2	3	3
White Cloud	C H Theobald	350	250	100	24	24	......	1	1	1
White Hall	W Hanson	1150	1150	......	68	56	8	8	20	20
Crystal Valley	L R Richards	230	230	......	20	20	1	1	......	1
Chase	A Daniels	200	200	......	30	......	......	......	5	5
Total		$19,117	$17,524	$1,924	$1,598	$1,520	$132	$88	$316	$250

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Almira	16	125	2	3	..	1	1	$ 1100	1	$ 200	$ ..	$ 70	$ 27	$ 3	3	28	102	$10	....	$ 10	..	..	..	....	....	...	$	....	$ 277	$ 3	....
Bear Lake	2	94	1	2	..	9	1	800	1	500	----	27	----	----	--	----	----	3	....	5	....	....	..	....	..	2	..	..	425	3	....
Bellaire	5	96	2	1	..	5	1	1250	1	500	1400	----	--	13	7	42	326	17	...	17	4	$3	$2	$10	5	3	5	12	473	7	....
Benzonia	6	43	3	1	..	...	2	1050	..	-----	----	----	----	50	2	19	77	6	....	6	1	1	..	1	...	..	....	...	175	2	....
Boyne	8	84	.	1	--	...	1	500	1	600	200	12	----	75	2	23	134	----	----	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	475	....	$15
Cadillac	18	129	..	2	5	7	1	2500	1	1000	64	77	30	107	1	15	119	10	5	15	3	1	1	4	4	1	....	....	842	9	7
Cadillac Circuit	9	64	1	2	--	4	2	1550	1	250	----	----	----	17	1	7	22	10	----	10	3	2	..	6	...	1	....	....	337	5	....
Cross Village	2	45	..	..	1	...	..	------	1	500	----	20	100	----	2	19	69	10	----	10	...	...	..	....	....	....	....	...	301	....	....
Charlevoix	7	77	1		7	11	1	3000	1	1500	-	----	60	100	1	15	130	14	1	15	....	....	..	....	....	....	6	....	766	3	....
Elk Rapids	8	172	2	..	1	...	2	3500	1	1200	170	200	800	75	5	58	280	10	5	15	5	1	..	1	1	..	21	....	743	5	....
Elmira	32	28	1	..	..	8	...		..	-----	----	----	----	----	2	7	60	----	----	....	...	...	.	----	....	....	...	...	215	....	.. ..
Fife Lake	11	96	1	..	4	8	1	2500	1	300	350	543	631	40	4	29	198	3	...	3	1	4	1	...	...	1	....	...	610	4	....
Frankfort	30	74	1	.	1	11	2	3600	1	1000	175	250	303	125	3	27	150	5	5	10	2	1	1	4	...	1	....	....	533	6	....
Glen Harbor	7	35	.	--	1	...	..	------	1	150	---	----	----	----	2	10	42	3	----	3	1	....	..	1	....	....	....	....	188	2	....
Harbor Springs	8	42	1	..	..	5	1	1000	1	300	----	----	----	50	1	14	56	4	----	4	1	....	..	....	..	...	....	...	416	1	....
Ironton	13	46	..	1	8	6	1	1200	..	---	....	305	----	8	3	20	120	---	----	...	...	.....	..	....	....	...	....	....	230	....	....
Kalkaska	...	62	..	1	..	2	1	4000	..	-----	300	1050	500	----	1	10	50	5	...	5	....	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	250	....	....
Lake City	13	46	..	2	4	2	..	------	1	700	600	----	----	15	3	21	60	9	----	9	...	...	.	1	....	....	..	....	432	2	----
Leroy	10	155	1	..	3	36	1	2500	1	500	25	----	----	40	2	29	110	----	---	----	....	....	..	....	7	....	....	....	600	....	....
Mancelona	6	130	2	..	--	5	2	3500	1	1000	691	---	500	88	1	15	118	12	3	15	...	2	..	---	2	...	-	...	685	8	...
Manton	4	70	..	..	--	6	1	2000	1	300	----	----	148	35	2	21	121	10	----	10	4	. .	1	2	2	....	....	...	263	3	----
Monroe Center	11	93	4	3	..	6	1	1300	1	500	----	----	----	----	3	19	140	10	..	10	2	1	..	2	....	....	--	....	404	7	....
Marilla	..	40	..	..	..	...	..	----	--	-----	----	----	----	----	1	10	40	3	----	3	...	.....	..	.....	...	....	.....	...	163	---	.....
Northport	14	100	2	..	6	..	2	2500	1	400	182	----	300	40	1	5	25	2	1	3	..	....	..	....	...	....	...	....	425	1	.....
Norwood	6	116	2	1	2	11	1	2400	1	600	100	600	----	100	2	25	125	22	----	22	2	...	..	...	4	...	...	...	744	3	
Petoskey	24	216	..	4	8	46	1	3000	..	------	180	----	200	154	1	24	166	25	----	25	5	3	1	6	110	2	50	...	865	14	35
Petoskey Circuit	...	...	..	..	.....	..		-----	--	-----	---	----	----	----	--	----	----		----	...	.....	.....	..	.....		..	...	...	.....	...	.....
Petoskey Indian Mission	...	.....	..	..	.....	..				-----	----	---	----	----	--	----		...	----	...	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	.. ....	....	.....
Sherman	10	83	..	..	...	...	2	2600	1	600	----	----	----	100	4	41	175	10	----	10	3	1	..	1	3	....	55	....	686	5	4
South Arm	...	....	..	..	...	...	..	----	--		----	----	---	----	--	----	----	----	----	----	.....	.....	..	....	....	...	....	----	.....	....	....
Traverse City	3	246	1	3	16	8	1	6000	..	------	150	----	----	150	1	19	224	26	18	44	....	....	..	....	....	....	29	...	623	30	.....
Traverse City Circuit	7	89	3	1	4	2	..	-----	..	-- --	----	....	----	----	5	29	179	10	----	10	1	....	..	2	....	...	....	....	278	7	.....
Williamsburg	14	75	1	3	1	4	1	2200	..	------	35	45	450	65	1	10	60	7	----	7	1	1	1	2	1	.	....	....	446	4	3
Total	204	2771	32	31	72	203	31	55550	21	12600	4622	3199	4049	1350	67	$611	3478	$256	$ 38	$294	$39	$21	9	$43	$140	$11	$166	$12	$18976	$134	$64

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		PASTORS.			PRESID ELD.		BISHOPS.		CON CLAIM'S	
		Claims including House Rent, or Rental Value of Par'ges.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Per'ges.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Almira	L. Kenney	$ 300	$ 245	$ 55	$ 40	$ 31	$ 1	$ 1	10	3
Bear Lake	A C. Barclay	575	403	172	32	22	....	....	8	3
Bellaire	R. N. Middleton	500	437	63	32	30	2	4	7	7
Benzonia	J. Glover	200	150	50	24	24	2	1	3	2
Boyne	A. L Thurston	550	450	100	32	25	2	....	....	....
Cadillac	O. B. Whitmore	800	800	....	40	40	2	2	9	9
Cadillac Circuit	D. A Green	336	309	27	25	26	2	2	....	5
Cross Village	J Eagle	350	278	72	25	23	1	....	4	....
Charlevoix	J T. Iddings	725	725	....	40	40	....	1	....	3
Elk Rapids	O. J Golden	700	700	....	40	40	6	3	8	5
Elmira	I. Putnam	230	209	21	15	6	1	....	1	....
Fife Lake	S. P. Hewitt	576	576	....	32	32	2	2	8	4
Frankfort	E. G. Stevens	500	500	....	32	32	1	1	5	6
Glen Harbor	R. Tindall	200	172	28	15	15	1	1	....	2
Harbor Springs	F. J. Freeman	400	407	....	25	16	....	....	....	1
Ironton	E. Wood	250	223	27	15	13	....	....	....	....
Kalkaska	D O. Ball	250	250	....	25	5	....	....	....	....
Lake City	J M Smith	400	400	....	32	32	....	....	2	2
Leroy	J F McKinley	550	550	....	50	50	....	....	....	....
Mancelona	J C Ambrose	600	640	....	40	40	5	5	8	8
Manton	G S Hicks	550	340	210	32	21	2	2	6	3
Monroe Center	A R Keillor	450	365	85	40	37	2	2	....	7
Marilla	Thos Tindall	200	145	....	15	18	1	....	....	....
Northport	A W Busbee	500	402	98	40	23	1	....	8	1
Norwood	G W Howe	700	700	....	40	40	4	4	7	3
Petoskey	G W Sherman	800	800	....	60	60	8	5	16	14
Petoskey Circuit	J R Robinson	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Petoskey Indian Mission	J R Robinson	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sherman	A J Eldred	675	645	30	40	40	1	1	5	5
South Arm	Jno Blake	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Traverse City	E H Day	750	570	180	80	50	4	8	20	30
Traverse City, Circuit	O G Whitman	350	260	90	32	17	1	1	7	7
Williamsburg	Willard Heath	600	410	190	40	35	[illegible]	1	6	4
	Total	14567	13154	$ 1498	$ 1030	$ 883	$ 58	$ 42	$ 148	$ 134

Recapitulation by Districts, Michigan Conference, for 1885.

NAMES	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTE'L SUPPORT.		
																		MISSIONS													
DISTRICTS	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and impro'ngChs.&Par'ages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Prop.s	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops	For Conference Claimants	Other Collections.
Albion	342	4049	21	61	81	202	34	210200	18	20050	5433	776	2085	4161	45	638	4618	1198	341	1539	268	58	32	409	177	54	542	242	19930	863	10087
Coldwater	230	3474	26	55	16	187	40	164200	18	18800	3944	3300	2477	3162	49	558	3833	830	212	1042	140	32	21	224	120	21	558	150	18378	436	386
Kalamazoo	373	3618	14	42	48	226	38	188300	22	20700	5019	1146	3079	3644	52	632	4258	1211	315	1526	166	15	22	281	209	17	918	458	20958	547	606
Niles	290	3183	14	46	32	235	46	124500	20	18100	5624	1376	4925	2580	50	617	3902	599	144	743	132	15	9	114	101	29	443	29	16604	325	289
Grand Rapids	373	3801	21	48	113	226	39	194350	23	23800	6621	3608	4849	4954	62	733	5090	2077	329	2406	241	226	16	159	308	39	845	360	22801	619	736
Ionia	373	2947	25	35	29	212	43	152300	17	16055	4753	492	2715	2524	48	592	4145	642	140	782	108	23	13	126	96	26	389	253	17652	337	663
Lansing	482	3877	35	50	25	313	39	129500	17	19600	2889	1770	4592	3099	43	594	4141	941	226	1167	159	32	18	273	208	122	859	488	19991	695	347
Big Rapids	553	3069	26	40	118	272	46	131160	18	15250	13312	3266	11542	2087	67	687	4591	453	158	611	90	23	18	129	147	35	159	1	19400	250	86
Grand Traverse	304	2771	32	31	72	203	31	55550	21	12600	4622	3199	4049	1350	67	611	3478	256	38	294	39	21	9	43	140	11	166	12	18976	134	64
Grand Total	3320	30799	214	408	534	2076	356	1350060	174	164955	52217	18936	40313	27561	483	5662	18056	8207	1903	10110	1343	445	158	1858	1506	353	4879	1993	174680	4266	13264
Last Year	3335	29952	225	400	521	1935	328	1124438	168	161676	71151	18721	36849	26666	494	5547	36552	9065	1879	10944	1407	222	163	1057	1337	271	4584	393	169720	4618	2433
Increase	....	847		8	13	141	28	225632	6	3279	..	215	3464	895	...	115	1504	....	24	.		223	.	801	169	82	295	1600	4970	...	10831
Decrease	15	....	11	.	...	...	...	...	...	.. .	18934	..	.....	....	11	...		858	...	834	64	..	5	..	.	....	..	....	.. ..	412	.

Recapitulation by Districts, Michigan Conference, 1885.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	NAMES OF PRESIDING ELDERS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT								
		PASTORS.			PRESID. ELD		BISHOPS.		CON CLAIM'S	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ages	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ages	Deficiences.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Pai	Apportioned.	Paid.
Albion	A A Knappen	19620	18393	1227	1400	1272	233	219	923	863
Coldwater	David Engle	18060	16877	1283	1340	1321	287	163	804	436
Kalamazoo	W J Aldrich	19782	19058	668	1704	1651	257	131	1304	547
Niles	I Taylor	16450	15320	1340	1204	1156	201	126	462	325
Grand Rapids	H M Joy	22260	20888	1450	1808	1724	241	193	606	619
Ionia	C L Barnhart	18597	16286	2294	1379	1251	197	118	490	337
Lansing	James Hamilton	18848	18335	657	1548	1493	215	164	771	695
Big Rapids	J A Sprague	19447	17524	1924	1598	1520	132	88	346	250
Grand Traverse	W R Stinchcomb	14567	13154	1498	1030	883	53	42	143	134
	Grand Total	167631	155835	12341	13011	12271	1816	1244	5854	4206
	Last Year	170945	156418	14427	12626	12081	1723	1247	5378	4618
	Increase	.....	.....	.....	385	190	93	.....	476	.....
	Decrease	3314	583	2086	.....	.....	.....	3	..	412

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Bible Cause—B. E. Paddock, M. D. Carrel, W. H. Thompson, A. T. Ferguson, I. Wilson.

Missions—Presiding Elders.

State of the Church—G. C. Draper, Geo. Donaldson, I. B. Tallman, R. H. Bready, W. J. Aldrich.

Memoirs—A. M. Fitch.

Public Worship—Presiding Elder and Pastor at place of Conference.

Conference Claimants—G. L. Haight, J. W. Reid, Levi Master.

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No Report.

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No Report.

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CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st. The Conference shall meet at 8 A. M., spending 20 minutes in devotional exercises, and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjournment at their discretion, and provided also that on the second day of the Annual Session the Conference shall be adjourned by expiration of time at 10 A. M.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journal of the preceding day read and approved.

3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.

5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary or any member request it.

6. When a motion, resolution, or report presented is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed as in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before the decision or amendment.

7. No new motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named, viz: The previous question, indefinite postponement, laying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, amendment, or substitute.

8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language, but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.

10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference, nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

11. Whenever any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative to move a reconsideration.

12. No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when said question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

14. Every member who shall be within the bar, at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of the Conference, and when approved, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose. He shall have charge of the journal and other papers of the Conference, and preserve them with care: suffer no person to take a copy of any paper during the interval of Conference, except with the consent of the Conference, and shall forward the journal and papers to the next Annual Conference.

17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time and shall be decided without debate.

18. All Committees whose reports are to be printed in the Minutes shall present their reports in duplicate, one copy for the Conference, and another for the Committee on Publication of the Minutes, otherwise the Committee on Publication is not required to insert such reports in the Minutes.

19. All persons, while passing the disciplinary course of study, who shall be reported below the medium, or who shall be deficient in the required reading, shall be required to pass another examination on the studies so reported, or to make up the deficient reading; and the Chairman of the examining Committee shall give notice to the Conference Secretary and to the deficient party.

20. A member of the Conference accused of offenses against the law and discipline of the Church is entitled to a copy of the charges and specifications to be relied on for the prosecution of the complaint, together with a notice of the time when the accused will be called upon to answer said charges and specifications A failure to serve a copy of said charges and specifications a reasonable length of time before the same shall be presented for adjudication must be satisfactorily explained by the prosecution before the trial can proceed.

JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

[Contains all proceedings, and was by vote declared to be the official Journal of Michigan Conference.]

FIRST DAY.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., Sept. 16, 1886.

The Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its fifty-first session in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kalamazoo, Mich., Sept. 16th, 1886, at 9 A. M., Bishop J. F. Hurst presiding. The Bishop read the fifty-second chapter of Isaiah, and announced the 798th hymn, which was sung, after which J. M. Reid and T. H. Jacokes offered prayer in the order named. The 1st hymn was sung, after which Bishop Hurst addressed the Conference.

W. I. Cogshall, Secretary of last Conference, called the roll of the Conference, and the following 165 brethren answered to their names, viz.:

W. J. Aldrich, J. C. Ambrose, E. V. Armstrong, J. W. Arney, E. D. Bacon, F. B. Bangs, H. S. Bargelt, D. F. Barnes, G. S. Barnes, C. L. Barnhart, W. Barrett, W. A. Bass, J. C. Beach, F. I. Bell, I. Bennett, J. R. Bowen, N. L. Bray, W. H. Brockway, N. L. Brockway, J. I. Buell, G. A. Buell, A. W. Burns, L. W. Calkins, M. M. Callen, J. W. H. Carlisle, M. D. Carrel, J. W. Cawthorn, Thos. Clark, J. Clubine, W. I. Cogshall, W. M. Colby, G. L. Cole, G. Daniels, C. C. Dawkins, E. H. Day, J. W. Davids, J. N. Dayton, L. DeLamarter, W. Denman, G. Donaldson, E. H. Dissette, G. C. Draper, L. M. Edmonds, A. J. Eldred, A. N. Eldred, G. C. Elliot, D. Engle, A. T. Ferguson, C. H. Fisher, J. C. Floyd, D. W. Fow, F. J. Freeman, A. H. Gamble, W. Gardner, T. T. George, A. H. Gillett, F. Glass, G. W. Gosling, A. M. Gould, J. Graham, D. A. Green, A. M. Griffith, J. Gulick, G. L. Haight, J. W. Hallenbeck, J. Hamilton, S. L. Hamilton, W. Hansom, W. J. Hathaway, H. R. Hawley, W. Heath, S. P. Hewitt, G. S. Hickey, J. Hills, G. E. Hollister, J. W. Horner, G. W. Howe, J. Hoyt, A. Hunsberger, W. A. Hunsberger, H. B. Hunt, J. T. Iddings, T. H. Jacokes, C. A. Jacokes, W. W. Johnson, H. D. Jordan, H. M. Joy, C. W. Jones, W. Judd, E. H. King, S. Kitzmiller, J. Klose, A. A. Knappen, G. B. Kulp, G. D. Lee, E. T. Lumber, E. Marble, J. Marzolf, U. Mason, L. Master, L. S. Matthews, P J. Maveety,

J. J. McAllister, F. L. McCoy, E. S. Mechesney, S. M. Merritt, A. P. Moors, G. L. Mount, S. Nelson, E. F. Newell, A. D. Newton, J. F. Orwick, B. E. Paddock, H. H. Parker, D. W. Parsons, O. H. Perry, J. H. Pitezel, J. H. Potts, W. Prouty, J. W. Reid, John M. Reid, D. C. Riehl, T. Riley, J. T. Robe, W. W. Rork, G. W. Sherman, R. Shire, R. Shorts, M. W. F. Smith, C. W. Smith, J. M. Smith, J. A. Sprague, J. K. Stark, J. W. Steffe, S. Steele, N. M. Steele, E. G. Stevens, W. R. Stinchcomb, H. S. Taft, E. A. Tanner, I. Taylor, E. Tench, W. H. Thompson, C. G. Thomas, J. H. Thomas, G. W. Tuthill, J. S. Valentine, F. A. Vandewalker, G. Varion, O. D. Watkins, J. Webster, J. A. Weyant, A. J. Wheeler, J. White, J. E. White, J. W. White, B. H. Whitman, I. R. A. Wightman, O. E. Wightman, I. Wilson, D. C. Woodard, S. C. Woodard, E. D. Young, T. Young, W. M. Younglove.

PROBATIONERS.

A. W. Bushee, T. Cox, A. E. Craig, W. A. Frye, C. E. Mitchell, R. M. Middleton, E. B. Patterson, W. H. Parsons, W. M. Puffer, W. G. Talbert, R. W. Tindall, F. F. Bliss, H. C. Chamberlain, W. J. Douglass, L. B. Kenyon, G. E. Matthews, A. E. North, T. Nicholson, A. K. Stewart, A. H. Sturgis, F. L. Thompson, D. L. Thomas, S. C. Tiney, T. Tindall.

The following brethren were reported as deceased, viz.: N. Fassett, S. Nelson, A. L. Crittenden, and A. J. VanWyck.

On motion of A. J. Eldred, W. I. Cogshall was elected Secretary by acclamation, with power to nominate his assistants.

I. R. A. Wightman, F. L. McCoy, and G. L. Haight were elected assistant Secretaries, and D. C. Riehl Statistical Secretary, and the following were appointed assistant Statistical Secretaries: A. J. Wheeler, G. A. Buell, H. C. Chamberlain, F. F. Bliss, R. A. Wright, E. H. King, G. H. Lockhart, and G. A. Odlum.

The rules of order of last Conference were adopted for the government of the present session. The bar of the Conference was fixed at the north side of the fourth window.

On motion of J. C. Floyd, E. T. Lumber was elected Treasurer, with power to nominate his assistants. The Treasurer nominated W. J. Hathaway, F. L. Thompson and G. E. Matthews as his assistants, and the Conference confirmed the nominations.

The list of Standing Committees as nominated last year was adopted.

Dr. Thoburn and D. O. Fox, of India, A. J. Mead, of American Bible Society, and J. L. Hurlbert, of our Sunday School Union, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion of J. M. Reid, W. M. Puffer was appointed to canvass the Conference in the interest of *The Gospel in all Lands*, and other missionary periodicals.

On motion of J. M. Reid, copies of certain missionary periodicals of the Church were referred to Committee on Periodicals.

The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to draw on the chartered fund for thirty dollars, and on motion the order was so drawn.

The Bishop presented communications from Boston University, Freedman's Aid Society, and National Association of Local Preachers, which were referred to the Committee on Education, Freedman's Aid Society, and State of the Church, respectively, and in the order named.

Question 20 was taken up, and A. A. Knappen was called, his character passed, and he reported Albion district.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: C. L. Barnhart, G. S. Hickey, G. A. Odlum, E. D. Bacon, P. J. Maveety, J. J. Hartley, W. Gardner, G. S. Barnes, J. Hoyt, G. W. Tuthill, W. M. Coplin, W. Prouty, E. Cooley, W. M. Colby, J. Webster, H. P. Henderson, L. M. Edmonds, J. W. Steffe.

The characters of R. C. Welch and J. H. Potts were passed.

The character of D. Engle was passed, and he reported Coldwater district.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: O. S. Paddock, E. Tench, J. Clubine, H. M. Joy, J. Marzolf, S. C. Strickland, C. W. Jones, M. D. Carrel, E. D. Young, E. L. Kellogg, L. Grosenbaugh, W. M. Paddock, N. L. Bray, J. F. Orwick, J. Klose, N. D. Marsh.

The character of E. A. Whitwam was passed.

D. F. Barnes was called, his character passed, and he reported Kalamazoo district.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: N. M. Steele, W. A. Bass, E. V. Armstrong, J. J. McAllister, S. D. McKee, O. D. Watkins, A. N. Eldred, R. Shier, E. S. Mechesney, A. M. Gould, L. W. Calkins, L. DeLamarter, D. W. Fow, E. H. Day, A. T. Ferguson, E. H. King, E. A. Tanner, D. W. Parsons, J. W. Reid, H. B. Hunt, S. Kitzmiller.

The characters of E. A. Tanner, D. G. Bruce and W. P. French were passed.

The Bishop stated that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Book Concern for $382, which draft was, on motion of W. H. Brockway, ordered and passed to the Conference Treasurer.

The following resolution, offered by the Secretary, was adopted:

WHEREAS, We have convenient access to the Western Book Concern through the Chicago Depository, and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Depository is subservient to our interests in this State, and has passed under the administration of the Eastern Publishing House through the natural channels of trade; therefore,

Resolved, That in our judgment the Detroit Book Depository should be continued under the auspices of Phillips & Hunt.

W. I. COGSHALL.
I. R. A. WIGHTMAN.
F. L. MCCOY.
M. D. CARREL.
GEORGE L. COLE.
E. H. DISSETTE.

J. M. Phillips and Drs. Hurlbut and Gillett addressed the Conference in the order named.

Time of Conference was extended on motion of J. M. Reid. An afternoon session was ordered to begin at 3:30 P. M. J. M. Reid was appointed to preside.

J. R. Berry, of Detroit Conference, was introduced.

G. S. Hickey was appointed to conduct the morning devotional services.

Committees were called, notices given, and the Conference adjourned, with benediction by J. L. Hurlbut.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 3:30 P. M., for the purpose of calling for the report of statistics from pastors, J. M. Reid in the chair by appointment of the Bishop.

The districts were called, after which the Conference adjourned, W. I. Cogshall pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, Sept. 17, 1886.

Conference met at 8 A. M. Thirty minutes were spent in devotional exercises, led by G. S. Hickey, after which Bishop Hurst took the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The list of absentees was called, and on motion of W. H. Brockway further calling of the roll was dispensed with. The following brethren, absent yesterday, answered to their names, viz: D. O. Ball, D. G. Bruce, J. W. Buell, G. W. Chapin, C. Chick, W. M. Coplin, A. M. Fitch, W. P. French, L. M. Garlick, D. S. Haviland, H. P. Henderson, E. L. Kellogg, A. R. Keillor, W. W. Lamport, J. W. Miller, W. M. Paddock, O. S. Paddock, G. H. Lockhart, C. H. Theobald,—19.

Question 20 was taken up, the character of I. Taylor was passed, and he reported Niles district.

The following effective Elders of Niles district were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: G. A. Buell. J. White, C. G. Thomas, G. C. Elliott, A. D. Newton, L. S. Matthews. H. H. Parker, G. W. Gosling, U. Mason, W. J. Hathaway, C. H. Fisher, W. W. Lamport, I. R. A. Wightman, J. H. Tanner, I. Wilson, G. L. Cole, J. W. Buell.

The characters of L. W. Earl, J. R. Odin and J. M. Reid were passed.

The character of J. I. Buell was passed, and he reported Grand Rapids district.

The following effective Elders of Grand Rapids district were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: A. J. Wheeler. T. T. George, D. Cronk, W. W. Rork, J. Graham, J. W. H. Carlisle, J. A. Sprague. W. A. Hunsberger, H. D. Jordan, J. E. White, W. J. Aldrich, G. Varion, A. Hunsberger, J. N. Dayton, J. W. Horner.

The characters of R. C. Crawford and A. H. Gillett were passed.

A. J. VanWyck was reported deceased.

J. W. Hallenbeck presented the following resolution of respect for, and sympathy with, Brother R. C. Crawford, which was adopted:

WHEREAS. Brother Riley C. Crawford has, with one exception, answered to our Conference roll call for forty-five years, and has been faithful and untiring in his work for the Conference and the Church; and

WHEREAS. We learn with sorrow of his present illness, and consequent detention from this seat of Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That as a Conference we extend to our brother our hearty sympathy, and shall pray that he may soon be restored to health, and that the blessing of God may rest upon him and his estimable wife, and that they may still be spared for years of successful work in the church they have loved so well.

J. I. BUELL,
J. W. HALLENBECK,
J. A. SPRAGUE.

I. Bennett moved that Presiding Elders impress upon all young pastors and delinquent older pastors the importance of presenting their statistics on the first day of the Conference session, which was carried.

M. M. Callen offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That on the afternoon of each session of the Michigan Conference there shall be held a special meeting for the reception of statistics.

The following resolutions relative to the Chinese question, offered by J. M. Reid, were adopted by a rising vote, and the Conference ordered that the resolutions, signed by the Bishop and Secretary, should be sent as a memorial to one of the United States Senators and Congressmen from Michigan:

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled:

The Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, composed of 290 ministers, and representing 35,000 Church members, beg leave to present to your honorable body their respectful petition, showing:

1. That the treaty of 1880 between the United States and China, in which China gave her consent to the restriction of immigration of Chinese laborers to this country, provided that "Chinese laborers who are now in the United States shall be allowed to go and come of their own free will and accord, and shall be accorded all the rights, privileges, immunities, and exemptions which are accorded to the citizens and the subjects of the most favored nation." Said treaty also contained the following solemn pledge on the part of our government: "If Chinese laborers, or Chinese of any other class, now either temporarily or permanently residing in the territory of the United States, meet with any ill-treatment at the hands of any other persons, the government of the United States will exert all its power to devise measures for their protection, and to secure to them the same rights, privileges, immunities and exemptions as may be enjoyed by the citizens or subjects of the most favored nation, and to which they are entitled by treaty."

2. That most flagrant and grievous outrages have been perpetrated upon the Chinese in Wyoming and Washington Territories, and in the States of Oregon and California; and in many places in that portion of our country the purpose is still openly expressed of driving out the Chinese inhabitants.

3. That in the course of these outrages not only has much property belonging to Chinese residents been destroyed, but many persons have been put to death.

4. That the failure to keep our treaty obligations, and the inhuman persecutions and brutal massacres which have been perpetrated upon these strangers in our midst, have disgraced our country in the eyes of the civilized world, and subject us to the just judgment of a righteous God.

5. That the safety of our citizens in China is imperiled by these frequent and unredressed wrongs to Chinese subjects in the United States, and that we have no right to expect that the people of a heathen country will be more careful of the rights of American merchants and Missionaries than the people of this Christian country are of the rights of the Chinese in our land.

6. That these outrages have already borne sad fruit in the destruction of the property of our Mission at Chung King, in Western China, and the expulsion of our Missionaries.

7. That it is imperatively necessary that immediate measures of the most stringent character be taken for the protection of the lives and property of the Chinese in this country, and the spirit of persecution and lawlessness, so rife in some regions, be sternly

rebuked, and prompt and efficient punishment visited upon law-breakers.

We therefore petition your honorable body to enact without delay such measures as will enable the officers of the law to suppress all efforts to persecute and drive out the Chinese, and secure to them, wherever they may be in our wide domain, the same protection afforded to all persons in "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," and especially that the Indemnity Bill pending when Congress adjourned be passed without delay.

And for this your petitioners will ever pray.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference,

BISHOP JOHN F. HURST, *President.*
W. I. COGSHALL, *Secretary.*

T. C. Carter, of Chattanooga, Tenn., addressed the Conference respecting the work of our Church in the Central South.

The time of the Conference was extended.

The Conference was canvassed for the purpose of extending the circulation of *The Methodist Advocate* in Michigan.

The hour for the annual meeting of the P. S. F. S. having arrived, the Conference was adjourned until the close of that meeting. Conference reassembled at 11:45 A. M., and the time of the Conference was extended.

A. J. Mead, agent of the American Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

Dr. A. Edwards, editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and briefly addressed the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Rossiter, fraternal delegate from the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan, addressed the Conference.

On motion of A. J. Eldred, the Presiding Elder of Grand Rapids district, and Pastor of Division Street Church, Grand Rapids, were appointed fraternal delegates to the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan.

On motion of W. I. Cogshall, an order was drawn on the Parkhurst Fund for $18.55 in favor of the Conference Treasurer, for the use of the Board of Stewards.

Bishop Hurst briefly replied to the fraternal remarks of Dr. Rossiter. Announcements were made. Doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned, Dr. Rossiter pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, Sept. 18, 1886.

Conference met at 8 A. M. Thirty minutes were spent in devotional exercises, led by G. W. Sherman. Bishop Hurst took the chair at 8:30 A. M.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Question 20 was again taken up, A. P. Moors was called, his character passed, and he reported Ionia district.

The following effective Elders of Ionia district were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: F. N. Janes, J. W. White, L. M. Garlick, J. R. Bowen, D. C. Riehl, J. Hills, G. D. Lee, J. B. Knott, D. C. Woodard, L. Master, J. Gulick, O. E. Wightman, F. A. VanDeWalker, T. H. Jacokes, G. Donaldson, H. S. Bargelt, A. W. Burns, W. J. Swift.

The character of J. W. Sutton was passed, and he was granted a supernumerary relation without appointment.*

The character of J. Hamilton was passed, and he reported Lansing district.

The following effective Elders of Lansing district were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: W. I. Cogshall, C. C. Olds, C. A. Jacokes, M. M. Callen, T. Riley, I. B. Tallman, F. L. McCoy, G. C. Draper, J. W. Miller, J. H. Thomas, B. E. Paddock.

The characters of W. H. Thompson, R. H. Bready, and E. H. Dissette were passed.

The character of E. Wigle was passed, and on motion of J. Hamilton he was granted a supernumerary relation without appointment.

S. Nelson was reported deceased.

Question 13 was taken up, and George B. Kulp, John C. Beach, Wm. Denman, D. W. Fow, and J. W. McAllister were called, their characters passed, they were severally represented by their Presiding Elders and the examining committee, and passed to the Deacons of the second class.

The characters of T. Young and A. M. Griffith were passed, and they were continued as Deacons of the first class.

Question 14 was taken up, and O. H. Perry, J. W. Davids, H. S. Taft, W. P. Mosher, A. H. Gamble, and W. N. Younglove being favorably represented by their Presiding Elders and the examining committee, were elected to Elder's orders.

The characters of W. Judd and E. G. Stevens were passed, and they were continued as Deacons of the second class.

The character of J. A. Weyant, a Deacon of the second class, already in Elder's orders, was passed, and he was favorably reported by his Presiding Elder and the examining committee, and excused from further literary examination.

Question 17 was taken up, and the following local preachers, having been properly recommended, were severally represented by the examining committee and their Presiding Elders, and elected to Deacon's orders: Charles E. Mitchell, Alfred F. Hart, Ernest Wood, Irving A. Eagle, George W. Youker.

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* Later in the session J. W. Sutton was located at his own request.

On motion of A. J. Eldred, the Presiding Elder of Grand Traverse District was appointed to receive books for the needy preachers of his district.

J. M. Reid moved that Brothers Wood, Eagle, and Youker be required to read the books not read this year, which was carried.

Dr. Stowe, of the Western Book Concern, Revs. Gee, of Northwest Indiana Conference, Robinson, of Missouri Conference, and Campbell, of Detroit Conference, and Dr. Brooks, President of Kalamazoo College, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion of J. C. Floyd, W. Gardner, J. Graham, and J. K. Stark were appointed a committee on Coleman Church.

On motion of W. I. Cogshall, G. L. Mount was appointed to collect money for publishing the Conference Minutes.

Question 16 was taken up, and Chauncey R. Crosby and George G. Whitworth, having been properly recommended by their respective Quarterly Conferences, and favorably reported by the examining committee and their Presiding Elders, were elected to Elder's orders.

Dr. Fiske presented the report of the Trustees of Albion College. J. F. Orwick presented, in behalf of Elizabeth Hudson, of Union City, to Albion College certain relics of early Methodism, which were accepted by Dr. Fiske in behalf of the College. W. J. Hathaway presented the report of visitors to Albion College, which report was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Secretary presented the resignations of H. M. Joy as Trustee of Albion College, and of the Incorporated Michigan Conference, which were accepted.

On motion of L. M. Edmonds, C. L. Barnhart, S. C. Strickland, J. Graham, L. M. Garlick, G. C. Draper. G. Daniels, R. Shorts, I. Wilson, and J. J. McAllister were appointed to nominate the standing committees for next year.

W. H. Brockway offered a resolution relative to the time of the opening of the Conference session, which was adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, By the Michigan Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, that it is our deliberate judgment that the time now allotted to us for the proper and deliberate transaction of our important business is too short, and that the sessions ought to commence on Wednesday morning, and that Bishop Hurst be and he is hereby requested to so state to the Board of Bishops, and that they be requested to arrange for us accordingly.

W. H. BROCKWAY,	L. M. EDMUNDS,
E. L. KELLOGG,	J. N. DAYTON,
S. P. HEWITT,	J. WHITE,
H. S. BARGELT,	A. HUNSBERGER,
E. S. MECHESNEY.	

Rev. Dr. Potts addressed the Conference; reported 5,309 subscribers to the *Michigan Christian Advocate* within the bounds of this Conference, and presented the Conference with $539, which was accepted with thanks, and handed over to the Treasurer for the benefit of the Conference Claimants.

The candidates for admission into full connection were called forward and addressed by the Bishop, and having been favorably represented by their Presiding Elders and the examining committee, were elected to Deacon's orders and admitted into full connection, as follows: M. F. Loomis, W. H. Parsons, W. A. Frye, Wm. M. Puffer, R. N. Middleton, and T. Cox.

E. B. Patterson, W. H. Parsons, Wm. A. Frye, and J. G. Crozier were admitted into Conference, being in orders.

W. G. Talbert, G. H. Lockhart, R. W. Tindall, A. W. Bushee, C. E. Mitchell and J. Clancy were continued in the class of the second year.

Revs. Lewis, of Freewill Baptist Church, Haynes, of Baptist Church, Waterman, of Congregational Church, of Kalamazoo, and Mr. J. M. Hall, of Flint, the representative of the C. L. S. C., and Mr. Walker, of Y. M. C. A. of Michigan University, were introduced to the Conference.

A. J. Eldred, after a few fitting remarks, presented a gold watch to W. I. Cogshall, as a token of Conference regard.

Announcements were made, doxology sung, and Conference adjourned, Dr. Fiske pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

SUNDAY, Sept. 19, 1886.

The Conference assembled for annual Love Feast at 9 A. M., which was led by A. J. Eldred.

At 10 A. M., Bishop Hurst preached from John 8–.36, after which he ordained the following brethren Deacons in the Church of God: Merritt F. Loomis, Wm. M. Puffer, Robert M. Middleton, Thos. Cox, Charles E. Mitchell, Alfred F. Hart, Ernest Wood, Irving E. Eagle, George W. Youker.

The doxology was sung, and W. H. Brockway pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2:30 P. M. for Memorial Session; W. J. Aldrich conducted the services.

After devotional exercises, the following memoirs were read: Memoir of Rev. F. Gage, by E. H. Day, with remarks by A. J. Eldred; memoir of Rev. N. Fassett, by W. I. Cogshall; of Rev. A. L. Crittenden, by I. Taylor; of Mrs. Isaac Bennett, by L. Grosenbaugh, with remarks by A. M. Fitch. Part of a hymn was sung, after which J. I. Buell presented a memoir of Rev. A. J. VanWyck; and James Hamilton, of Rev. S. Nelson.

Judge Buck, of Kalamazoo, presented a memoir of Rev. H. F. Spencer, for twelve years (prior to 1878) a member of this Conference.

D. F. Barnes made remarks concerning Mrs. L. H. Pearce, the deceased wife of a former member of this Conference, after which Bishop Hurst, assisted by D. F. Barnes, D. Engle, J. W. Miller, W. H. Brockway, F. B. Bangs, and A. M. Gould, ordained the following brethren as Elders in the Church of God: Oliver H. Perry, John W. Davids, Herbert S. Taft, Wm. P. Mosher, Albert H. Gamble, Wm. N. Younglove, Chauncey R. Crosby, and Geo. G. Whitworth.

Doxology was sung, and Dr. Terry pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, Sept. 20, 1886.

Conference assembled at 8 A. M.

Thirty minutes were spent in devotional exercises, led by A. M. Fitch. At 8:30 the Bishop took the chair.

J. C. Floyd, of the Big Rapids District, was called, his character was passed, and he reported his District.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters were passed, and they reported their collections: J. W. Hallenbeck, M. W. F. Smith, James Roberts, E. F. Newell, J. K. Stark, H. R. Hawley, C. S. Fox, C. W. Smith, Geo. L. Haight, E. T. Lumber, G. Daniels, J. S. Valentine, Wm. Hansom.

The character of James Draper was passed and he was granted a supernumerary relation.

M. W. Knapp asked for, and was granted a location to enter evangelistic work.

Dr. A. J. Kynett of the Church Extension Society, Dr. Terry of Garrett Biblical Institute, and Rev. Mr. Sutton of the Protestant Methodist Church, were introduced to the Conference.

T. H. Jacokes, moved that the Secretary be authorized to edit the memoirs read at the Memorial Service on Sabbath. Motion prevailed.

Dr. Kynett addressed the Conference in the interest of the Church Extension Society.

W. Gardner presented the report of the committee appointed to consider the needs of Coleman church, and moved the following, which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the case of the Coleman church, report that its debt is $1,200; $350 of which is due the Church Extension Society, and the balance is floating, and recommend that the Conference raise $300, to be paid on or before January 1st, 1887; provided the church at Coleman raise and pay the remainder of the debt, not including that due the Church Extension Society, on or before the date above named.

WASHINGTON GARDNER,
JOHN GRAHAM,
J. K. STARK,
Committee.

A subscription was taken up for said church, to be paid on or before the 25th day of December, 1886, amounting to $443.25.

J. C. Floyd, Presiding Elder of Big Rapids District, was appointed to receive the above subscriptions.

D. O. Fox of South India, addressed the Conference in the interests of his work in that country.

He was followed by A. P. Moors, who referred touchingly to Bro. Fox's connection with us; after which the Conference tendered a token of esteem amounting to $67.10.

Dr. Terry of Evanston addressed the Conference in the interests of the Garrett Biblical Institute.

Dr. Hunting of Kalamazoo Presbyterian church, and Dr. Hill of East Ohio Conference, were introduced.

The Secretary read a communication relative to the Episcopal Fund, announcing the apportionment to this Conference for next year to be $2,392.

On motion it was referred to the Presiding Elders.

The Secretary read the following resolution, referring to Dr. C. C. McCabe, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, We have heard with profound regret of the critical illness of one of our Missionary Secretaries, Chaplain C. C. McCabe, who is now lying sick at Clifton Springs, New York; Therefore be it

Resolved, That in our devotional services wheresoever held, we will earnestly pray for the speedy and permanent restoration of our brother to health and usefulness, and that we look with pleased anticipation to seeing his face and hearing his voice again at the sessions of this Conference.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to Dr. McCabe and his family.

E. H. DISSETTE.
M. M. CALLEN.
M. D. CARREL.
W. I. COGSHALL.

Also the following, relating to the relation of M. W. Knapp, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our brother, M. W. Knapp, has taken a certificate of location in order to engage in evangelistic work, and

WHEREAS, We believe that the Holy Spirit has led him to this step. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we shall be glad to re-admit Bro. Knapp at any time when the way may open for his return to us.

Resolved, That knowing the gifts, grace and influence of Bro. Knapp and his wife, we do cordially commend them to the fellowship and co-operation of God's people everywhere, and to the blessings of God in their work.

WASHINGTON GARDNER.
M. M. CALLEN.
D. F. BARNES.
J. C. FLOYD.
A. J. ELDRED.
E. H. DISSETTE.

On motion the time of Conference was extended.

Mr. W. H. Walker, representing the Students' Christian Association of Michigan University, was introduced and addressed the Conference in that interest.

The Secretary moved that when the Conference adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 3:30 P. M. Which was carried.

The Bishop appointed T. H. Jacokes to preside, and F. L. McCoy to conduct the devotional exercises.

J. I. Buell asked to be excused from the Mission Auditing Committee, which was granted. On motion J. A. Sprague was appointed to his place.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned after the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment. T. H. Jacokes in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by F. L. McCoy.

On motion of A. M. Gould, A. L. Lakey, of Kalamazoo, was added to the committee to audit the accounts of the Kalkaska church.

The Secretary moved that a committee be appointed to inquire into a better method of meeting the expense of the publication of the minutes, and that J. W. Reid, W. Gardner, and L. Master be made such committee, which was carried.

The Secretary read a communication from the State Baptist Association, asking that a Fraternal Delegate be appointed to meet that body at its session in Detroit in October next. On motion, D. F. Barnes was made such delegate.

G. W. Gosling presented the following resolution relating to delinquents in studies and reading, which was carried:

Resolved, That Rule 19 of Conference Rules of Order be amended to read as follows: All persons, while passing the disciplinary course of study, who shall be reported below the medium, or who shall be deficient in the required reading, shall be required to pass another examination on the studies so reported or to make up the deficient reading, and the chairman of Examining Committee shall give notice to the Conference Secretary and to the deficient party.

G. W. GOSLING.
L. M. EDMONDS.

W. J. Hathaway offered the following resolution relating to tobacco, which was carried:

WHEREAS, The General Conference advises all our ministers to abstain from the use of tobacco, as injurious to both soul and body, and hurtful to their acceptability and usefulness among the people; and as we believe this to be in harmony with truth; therefore,

Resolved, That it is sufficient ground for Conference investigation if any of its members violate his pledge of abstinence, made when admitted.

Resolved, That no one should be considered eligible, either to the office of Presiding Elder, or to General Conference, who fails to conquer this habit.

W. J. HATHAWAY.
E. B. PATTERSON.
JAMES N. DAYTON.

G. D. Lee presented the report of Committee on Freedman's Aid, which was adopted. (See Report.)

J. W. Reid presented the report of the Committee on Conference Claimants, which was adopted. (See Report.)

F. A. Van De Walker presented the report of the Committee on Bible Cause. On motion the report was adopted. (See Report.)

C. L. Barnhart presented the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts, which was adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Nominations of Standing Committees for next year was presented, which was adopted. (See List.)

On motion the report of the Committee on Temperance was made the order of the day for tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

J. W. Hallenbeck was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow morning. Notices were given and Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, Sept. 21, 1886.

Conference met at 8 A. M. Thirty minutes were spent in devotional exercises, led by M. W. Knapp. At 8:30 the Bishop took the chair.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

On motion of J. W. Reid, the report of Conference Claimants Committee, as presented yesterday, was amended by adding $50 to the amount reported.

Grand Traverse District was called, W. R. Stinchcomb, P. E. His character was passed and he reported his District.

The characters of the following effective Elders were passed and they reported their collections: A. J. Eldred, D. A. Green, J. T. Iddings, O. J. Golden, S. P. Hewitt, J. M. Smith, J. C.

Ambrose, B. H. Whitman, A. R. Keillor, G. W. Howe, Geo. W. Sherman, F. J. Freeman, Robt. Shorts, W. Heath, J. A. Bready.

W. R. Stinchcomb presented a memorial from Trustees of the Church of Mancelona.

On motion of A. J. Eldred the Pastor of the Church of Mancelona was permitted to present the case of his Church to the different Churches of the Conference and obtain the help needed.

J. Hamilton presented correspondence from Presiding Elder of Steubenville District, Ohio Conference, relative to the standing of M. M. Miner, and moved that he be admitted on trial and elected to Deacon's orders, having passed the first two years' course of study.

Dr. Hill, of East Ohio Conference, was invited to express his opinion in relation to the case before the Conference. After considerable discussion, on motion of G. W. Gosling, the case was postponed.

On motion of I. Taylor, H. H. Parker was granted a location at his own request.

L. Dodds having withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Church, J. I. Buell presented his parchments and they were placed on file.

On motion of I. Taylor, the case of R. C. Wilkinson was referred back to the Presiding Elder of Niles District for examination.

Question 3 was then taken up and Seward C. Tiney, Frank F. Bliss, Arthur H. Sturgis, Gould E. Matthews, Robt. H. Floody, Robt. A. Wright, Thos. Nicholson, Wm. J. Douglass, Howard C. Chamberlain, Arthur K. Stewart, Delbert L. Thomas, Luther B. Kenyon, Alfred E. Craig, Fayette L. Thompson, having been properly recommended and favorably represented by their Presiding Elders and the Examining Committee, were continued on trial and were advanced to the class of the second year.

Thos. Tindall, Chas. H. Theobald and Arthur E. North were continued in the class of the first year.

On motion of J. Hamilton, the Bishop was requested to appoint Arthur K. Stewart, Delbert L. Thomas, Luther B. Kenyon, Alfred E. Craig and J. J. Hartley to attend one of the schools of the Church.

J. W. Rawlinson was, on motion of J. I. Buell, re-admitted on his certificate of location.

W. E. Golding was discontinued.

A. A. Knappen presented the Certificate of Location of James Berry from the Michigan Conference, and he was re-admitted.

On motion of D. Engle, N. D. Marsh was granted a supernumerary relation.

On motion of A. A. Knappen, the orders of E. L. Graves, an Elder in the Baptist Church who was recommended by the Albion Quarterly Conference, were recognized.

D. Engle presented the Credentials of Isaiah E. Crites from the Free Will Baptist Church and recommended from Burr Oak Quarterly Conference, who, with E. L. Graves, appeared before the Conference and took the ordination vows. His orders were then recognized.

On motion of J. Hamilton, the orders of R. S. McGregor from the Methodist Protestant Church were recognized, and he was received into the Conference as an Elder.

Mrs. R. Pengelly, Rev. L. P. Davis and D. B. Tracy, of the Detroit Conference, and Rev. L. B. Carns, of North Indiana Conference, were introduced.

Mrs. Pengelly, a delegate from the W. C. T. U., addressed the Conference.

Geo. S. Hickey presented the report of the Committee on Temperance. (See report.) An earnest discussion followed.

On motion, the time of adjournment was extended.

J. W. Reid moved the previous question, which was lost.

Upon a yea and nay vote, the report of the Committee was adopted. Ayes, 158; nays, 4; not voting, 16; absent, 74.

On motion of D. F. Barnes, Dr. Joy was excused from further attendance upon Conference.

W. Gardner introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Temperance is not to be construed as committing this Conference to any political party in this State.

J. W. Reid moved to lay the resolution on the table, which wascarried. After the doxology and benediction, Conference adjourned to meet at 2:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met at 2:30, Bishop Hurst in the Chair. W. J. Aldrich conducted the devotional exercises.

The journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Question 18 was then taken up, and R. Pengelly, S. M. Merritt, A. A. Rolfe, Thos. Lyon, B. W. Smith, W. Riley, H. O. Lawrence, J. H. Hopkins, W. S. Sly, W. L. Tilden, A. M. Fitch, F. I. Bell, G. E. Hollister, Andrew Potter and W. Barrett were continued on the Supernumerary List.

The following were made effective: W. H. Brockway, J. W. Arney, C. C. Dawkins and D. O. Ball.

Question 19 was then taken up, and L. Bathrick, J. T. Robe, G. A. VanHorn, H. Morgan, J. H. Pitezel, I. Bennett, J. H. Richards, J. W. Cawthorne, A. C. Beach, A. A. Dunton, J. W. Hollowell, A. Wakefield, F. Glass, I. H. Skinner, T. Clark, C.

Chick, L. J. Griffin, G. W. Hoag, J. S. Harder, L. M. Bennett, W. W. Johnson, C. B. Holding, G. S. Hicks, D. M. Ward, J. M. Robinson, F. B. Bangs, B. S. Mills, J. P. Force, B. S. Pratt, C. T. VanAntwerp, E. Marble, S. Steele, D. S. Haviland, S. C. Woodard, N. L. Brockway, C. H. Howe and A. E. Ketchum were continued on the Superannuated List.

The relation of J. T. Hills was changed from superannuated to supernumerary.

The case of J. H. Richards was referred to the Presiding Elder of Kalamazoo District for examination.

On motion, the relation of S. L. Hamilton, a superannuate, was changed, and he was made effective.

On motion of A. A. Knappen, H. P. Henderson was made supernumerary.

On motion of A. A. Knappen, E. D. Bacon and J. Hoyt were placed upon the Superannuated List.

On motion of D. F. Barnes, S. Kitzmiller was placed upon the Supernumerary List.

On motion of J. K. Stark, the Bishop was requested to secure the re-transfer of E. Treadgold from the Southern Illinois Conference to this Conference.

J. W. Reid presented the following resolution concerning the location of next Conference, which was carried:

Resolved, That the matter of selecting the location for the next Conference be left with the Board of Presiding Elders, and that it is the sense of this Conference that we go to Bay View and Petoskey, provided satisfactory arrangements with railroads and for entertainment can be secured.

W. H. Brockway presented a statement as Treasurer of the Educational Society, which was adopted and placed on file.

A communication from the Educational Society was read and referred to the Presiding Elders.

On motion of W. H. Brockway it was ordered that all money now in the hands of the Conference Treasurer, belonging to the Conference Educational Society, be paid over to its Treasurer.

The Secretary made a statement of the condition of Conference expense account, and asked for $25 to defray said expense, and moved the appointment of N. Bray to collect this amount, which motion prevailed.

On motion, it was ordered that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 7:30 this evening. Carried.

N. Bray presented the report of the Committee on the Sanctity of the Sabbath, which was adopted. (See report.)

J. A. Sprague presented the report of the Mission Auditing Committee, which was adopted. (See report.)

On motion, Conference adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference met at 7:30, T. H. Jacokes in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by G. L. Haight.

G. W. Gosling verbally reported concerning Kalkaska church. F. B. Bangs moved a continuance of the committee until the matter is settled. It was so ordered.

G. W. Gosling moved that A. M. Gould be added to the above committee, to act as its chairman, which motion prevailed.

I. B. Tallman presented the report of the W. F. M. Society, which was adopted. (See report.)

L. M. Edmunds, chairman of the Board of Stewards, presented the report of that Board, and the sums reported were properly distributed. (See report.)

M. D. Carrel read the report of the Committee on the Jocelyn and Perrine Monument Fund. The report was adopted and the committee was continued. (See report.)

M. D. Carrel presented the following resolution from the managers of the Missionary Society, relative to a Missionary Convention, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we hold at Albion, before Bros. McCoy and Gamble depart for India, a general Missionary Convention.

Resolved, That we recommend the holding of District Conventions under the direction of the Conference Board of Managers and the several Presiding Elders, on all the Districts, between the 15th and 30th of October, and, if possible, in connection with the District Associations.

And we also recommend that as far as possible pastors arrange for Bros. McCoy and Gamble to visit their charges before their departure for India, and speak in the interest of our Foreign Mission work.

J. A. Sprague read the report of the Committee on Education. The report was adopted, except that part referring to the election of Trustees of Albion College. (See report.)

On motion of W. H. Brockway, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the names mentioned in the report, as Trustees of Albion College. The ballot was cast and the following persons were declared elected: For Trustee for full term, A. M. Gould; for Trustee to fill vacancy, Levi Master.

Dr. Smart and W. H. Brockway then called for a subscription for the College, and $310 were subscribed.

W. Gardner presented the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which was adopted. (See report.)

L. DeLamarter presented the report of the Committee on Periodicals, which was adopted. (See report.)

D. C. Riehl, the Statistical Secretary, and E. T. Lumber, the Conference Treasurer, presented the reports of their respective departments, which were adopted. (See reports.)

J. Hamilton offered the following resolution, relative to Rev. F. L. McCoy. On motion it was adopted by a rising vote.

WHEREAS, Bro. F. L. McCoy is to be transferred from our immediate Conference fellowship, to the South India Conference, and a wider field of influence as editor of the *Indian Witness;* therefore,

Resolved, That we regard this transfer a great loss to us, but in the same spirit of self-sacrifice which actuates Bro. McCoy, we relinquish him for this work and bid him God-speed, and augur for him a prosperous future, and the Missionary Board and the brethren of the India Conference great strength and aid in the fellowship and ability of our greatly beloved brother.

JAMES HAMILTON,
J. W. REID,
T. H. JACOKES.

J. W. Hallenbeck offered the following, relative to Rev. A. H. Gamble, which was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Rev. Albert H. Gamble, who has been with us for four years, is about to depart for India as a missionary, we express our sincere regard for our brother for his piety and ability, and will follow him with our prayers for his success in our Lord's work.

J. W. HALLENBECK,
W. M. PUFFER.

The Bishop, on behalf of the Conference, and with fitting words, presented to F. L. McCoy and A. H. Gamble, each, an Oxford Bible, properly inscribed, as a testimonial of the kind regards of the Conference.

W. J. Aldrich offered the following resolution, relative to the departure of H. M. Joy, D. D., which was adopted:

WHEREAS Rev. H. M. Joy, D. D., a member of our Conference, has been invited to another field of labor, without the bounds of the Conference, and has been transferred to the Northwest Indiana Conference; and

WHEREAS, Our brother has been a member of this Conference for a long period, and has done faithful and efficient service during all these years, therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our sense of loss, and pray for his welfare and prosperity in his new field of labor; and should he at some future time, in the providence of God, desire to return to us, we assure him a cordial and affectionate welcome.

W. J. ALDRICH,
A. A. KNAPPEN,
A. M. GOULD,
J. I. BUELL.

W. H. Thompson presented the following resolution, referring to the *Conference Daily Advocate*, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of the work of the brethren who have undertaken the publication of the Conference daily and in bringing it to a successful financial result, netting to the Jocelyn-Perrine Monument Fund the sum of one hundred dollars, more or less, and hope that circumstances may be such as to justify its continuance at future Conferences, and that the profits, if any, be devoted to some benevolent cause.

W. H. THOMPSON,
GEO. S. HICKEY,
J. I. BUELL.

J. Hamilton offered the following recommendation, relative to the plan for pastoral support, which was adopted:

In view of the grand increase in pastor's salary, in consequence of the plan adopted by our Conference last year, known as the Personal Fund, we recommend that the brethren more generally adopt the plan.

I. Wilson offered the following resolution, relative to the Bishop, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we highly appreciate this first visit of our beloved Bishop, John F. Hurst, D. D., to our Conference, and hereby express our gratitude to God, and our cordial thanks to the Bishop for his eloquent and instructive sermon and addresses, and for the eminently satisfactory manner in which he has presided over our Conference, and if, in the providence of God, he shall visit us in the future, we pledge him a hearty welcome among us.

I. WILSON,
C. G. THOMAS,
G. W. GOSLING,
ISAAC TAYLOR,
W. I. COGSHALL.

W. H. Thompson offered the following, relative to entertainment, which was adopted by rising vote:

WHEREAS, This Conference has enjoyed the munificent hospitalities of the Church and of the citizens of Kalamazoo; and

WHEREAS, The Rev. A. M. Gould has anticipated the needs of the Conference in its multiplied duties, and has, by his unceasing courtesies, ministered to the comfort of his numerous guests; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby express our grateful appreciation of the hospitality we have enjoyed, and pray that the richest blessings of the great Head of the Church may abide upon our Brother Gould and the Church, and remain in the homes in which we have found such abundant and kindly entertainment.

W. H. THOMPSON,
GEO. S. HICKEY.

The Bishop having taken the chair, question 2 was taken up, and Alfred F. Hart, Wm. C. Muffit, John C. Chase, Albert G. Smith, August F. Nagler, Milo M. Miner, George Killean, Wm. H. B. Urch, Ira A. Scott and DeForrest Ellsworth, each being properly recommended by their respective Quarterly or District Conferences, and favorably reported, were received into the Conference on trial.

On motion, J. W. Sutton was, at his own request, granted a location.

On motion, H. O. Lawrence was, at his own request, granted a location.

On motion of A. A. Knappen, W. J. Talbert, a probationer, was discontinued.

J. C. Floyd announced the several Committees of Examinations for the next year (see page 4); also the names of the Triers of Appeals (see page 4); also the nominations for Officers and

Managers for the Conference Board of Church Extension (see page 5).

J. C. Floyd presented the report of the Committee on Missions, which was adopted. (See report.)

M. D. Carrel nominated N. L. Bray and G. L. Cole as members of the Committee to devise a plan for meeting the expense of the publication of the minutes, and they were elected.

On motion of W. I. Cogshall, it was ordered that after the reading of the minutes and the announcement of the appointments, the Conference adjourn.

The journal was read and approved, and the Bishop read the appointments.

The Bishop led the Conference in prayer and pronounced the benediction, and the Conference was adjourned *sine die.*

W. I. COGSHALL, *Secretary.*
JOHN F. HURST, *President.*

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

L. E. Lennox, from Detroit, G. S. Robinson, from Missouri.

2. *Who were Admitted on Trial?*

Alfred F. Hart, Wm. C. Muffett, John C. Chase, Albert G. Smith, August F. Nagler, Milo M. Miner, Geo. Killeen Wm. H. B. Urch, Ira A. Scott, DeForrest Ellsworth.

3. *Who Remain on Trial?*

Geo. H. Lockhart, Robert W. Tindall, Albert W. Bushee, Chas. E. Mitchell, Judson Chancey, Seward C. Tiney, Frank F. Bliss, Arthur H. Sturgis, Gould E. Matthews, Robert J. Floody, Robert A. Wright, Thomas Nicholson, Wm. J. Douglass, H. C. Chamberlain, Arthur K. Stewart, A. E. Craig, D. L. Thomas, L. B. Kenyon, F. L. Thompson, A. E. North, Chas. H. Theobald, Thos. Tindall.

4. *Who are Discontinued?*

Lyman W. Bacon, Wm. E. Golding, Wm. G. Talbert.

5. *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?*

Edmund B. Patterson, Merritt F. Loomis, Wm. H. Parsons, Ward A. Frye, Wm. M. Puffer, Robert N. Middleton, Thos. Cox, and James G. Crozier.

6. *Who are Re-admitted?*

John W. Rawlinson and James Berry.

7. *Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?*

R. S. McGregor, Wm. J. Maybee.

8. *What Traveling Preachers have been Elected Deacons?*

Merritt F. Loomis, Wm. M. Puffer, Robert N. Middleton and Thos. Cox.

9. *What Traveling Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?*

Merritt F. Loomis, Wm. M. Puffer, Robert N. Middleton, and Thos. Cox.

10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

Chas. E. Mitchell, Alfred F. Hart, Ernest Wood, Irving E. Eagle, Geo. W. Youker.

11. *What Local Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?*

Chas. E. Mitchell, Alfred F. Hart, Ernest Wood, Irving E. Eagle, Geo. W. Youker.

12. *Who are Traveling Deacons of the First Class?*

Thomas Young, Arthur M. Griffith, M. F. Loomis, W. H. Parsons, W. A. Frye, W. M. Puffer, R. N. Middleton, Thos. Cox, E. B. Patterson, J. G. Crozier.

13. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*

Geo. B. Kulp, John C. Beach, Wm. Denman, Daniel W. Fow, John W. McAllister, Wm. Judd, and Edward G. Stevens.

14. *What Traveling Deacons have been Elected Elders?*

Oliver H. Perry, John W. Davids, Herbert S. Taft, Wm. P. Mosher, Albert H. Gamble, Wm. N. Younglove.

15. *What Traveling Deacons have been Ordained Elders?*

Oliver H. Perry, John W. Davids, Herbert S. Taft, Wm. P. Mosher, Albert H. Gamble, Wm. N. Younglove.

16. *What Local Deacons have been Elected Elders?*

Chauncy R. Crosby, Geo. G. Whitworth.

17. *What Local Deacons have been Ordained Elders?*

Chauncey R. Crosby, Geo. G. Whitworth.

18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

E. Wigle, N. D. Marsh, James Draper, R. Pengelly, S. M. Merritt, Thos. Lyon, B. W. Smith, Wm. Riley, J. H. Hopkins, W. S. Sly, W. L. Tilden, A. M. Fitch, F. I. Bell, G. E. Hollister, A. Potter, W. Barrett, T. J. Hill, H. P. Henderson, S. Kitzmiller.

19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

L. Bathrick, J. T. Robe, G. A. Van Horn, H. Morgan, J. H. Pitezell, I. Bennet, J. H. Richards, J. W. Cawthorn, A. C. Beach, A. A. Dunton, J. W. Hollowell, F. Glass, I. H. Skinner, T. Clark, C. Chick, L. J. Griffin, G. W. Hoag, J. S. Harder, L. M. Bennett, W. W. Johnson, C. B. Holding, G. S. Hicks, D. M. Ward, J. M. Robinson, F. B. Bangs, B. S. Mills, J. P. Force, B. S. Pratt, C. T. Van Antwerp, E. Marble, S. Steel, D. S. Haviland, S. C. Woodard, N. L. Brockway, C. H. Howe, A. E. Ketchum, E. D. Bacon, John Hoyt, A. Wakefield.

20. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

This was strictly done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

21. *Have any Died?*

Noah Fassett, Franklin Gage, Abraham J. Van Wyck, and Stephen Nelson.

22. *Have any been Transferred and to what Conferences?*
H. M. Joy to Northwest Indiana, C. E. Mitchell to Detroit, F. L. McCoy to South India, A. H. Gamble to South India, A. R. Boggs to Dakota.

23. *Have any Withdrawn?*
None.

24. *Have any been Located at their own Request?*
M. W. Knapp, H. H. Parker, J. W. Sutton, H. O. Lawrence.

25. *Have any been Located?*
None.

36. *Have any been permitted to Withdraw under Charges?*
None.

27. *Have any been Expelled?*
None.

28. *Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?*
G. L. Cole, R. C. Crawford, T. H. Jacokes, M. M. Callen, J. W. Hallenbeck, Robert Shorts, J. K. Stark.

29. *What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?*
See statistics.

30. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
See Stewards Report.

31. *What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been applied?*
See Stewards Report.

32. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
See Appointments.

33. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
Referred to the Presiding Elders, with power.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on Sunday, Sept. 19, 1886, the following were by me ordained to the office of Deacon in the Church, viz.: Merritt F. Loomis, Wm. M. Puffer, Robt. N. Middleton, Thos. Cox, Chas. E. Mitchell, Alfred F. Hart, Ernest Wood, Irving E. Eagle and Geo. W. Youker.

Also, on the same day, the following were by me, with the assistance of several Elders present, ordained to the office of Elder in the Church, viz: Oliver H. Perry, John W. Davids, Herbert S. Taft, Wm. P. Mosher, Albert H. Gamble, Wm. N. Younglove, Chauncey R. Crosby and Geo. G. Whitworth.

Done in the Michigan Conference at Kalamazoo, Mich.

JOHN F. HURST.

APPOINTMENTS.

[The figures indicate the year of service now entered upon.]

ALBION DISTRICT—A. A. KNAPPEN, P. E., 4.

Albion, C. L. Barnhart	2
Battle Creek, G. S. Hickey	3
Bellevue, G. A. Odlum	3
Concord, Thomas Cox	1
Hanover and Moscow, D. W. Parsons	1
Homer, P. J. Maveety	3
Jackson, *Cooper St.*, G. S. Barnes	1
" *First Chu'h*, W. Gardner	3
" *Haven* " Judson Clancy	1
Leroy, Jas. Berry	1
Leslie, G. W. Tuthill	2
Liberty, W. P. Mosher	2
Litchfield, A. N. Eldred	1
Marengo, E. Cooley	1
Marshall, W. M. Colby	1
Mosherville, M. F. Loomis	3
Olivet and Partello, R. Floody	1
Parma, W. M. Coplin	1
Penfield, Jas Webster	2
Springport, J. W. Arney	1
Tekonsha, L. M. Edmonds	2
Winfield, J. W. Steffe	2

R. C. Welch, Professor in Albion College and Member of Albion Quarterly Conference.

J. H. Potts, Editor *Michigan Christian Advocate* and Member of Jackson, First Church, Quarterly Conference.

W. H. Brockway, Agent Albion College, Member of Albion Quarterly Conference.

COLDWATER DISTRICT—DAVID ENGLE, P. E., 4.

Allen, A. Hunsberger	1
Athens, C. C. Dawkins	1
Bronson, W. H. Parsons	2
Burlington, to be supplied	
Burr Oak, to be supplied	
Butler, to be supplied	
Cambria, to be supplied	
Camden, to be supplied	
Centreville, John Clubine	3
Coldwater, W. A. Hunsberger	1
Colon, J. Marzolf	2
Constantine, S. C. Strickland	2
Gilead, to be supplied	
Girard, T. Nicholson	1
Hillsdale, M. D. Carrel	2
Jonesville, Wm. Denman	3
Kinderhook, E. D. Young	2
North Adams, L. E. Lennox	1
Osseo, W. C. Muffit	1
Quincy, E. L. Kellogg	1
Ransom, to be supplied	
Reading, C. W. Jones	1
Sturgis, N. L. Bray	3
Union City, J. F. Orwick	2
White Pigeon, J. Klose	2

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—D. F. BARNES, P. E., 2.

Allegan and Millgrove, E. S. Mechesney	1
Augusta, W. A. Bass	1
Banfield, D. W. Fow	1
Bloomingdale, O. S. Paddock	1
Climax, S. D. McKee	3
Comstock, to be supplied	
Cooper, C. H. Fisher	1
Douglass, to be supplied	
Fennville, O. D. Watkins	1
Galesburg, H. S. Bargelt	1
Kalamazoo—	
First Church, A. M. Gould	3
Simpson Church, E. T. Lumber	1
Kendall, J. C. Chase	1
Lacota, O. H. Perry	2
Martin, L. W. Calkins	3
Mendon, E. V. Armstrong	1
Monterey, Richard Shire	2
Oshtemo, E. H. Day	2
Otsego, A. T. Ferguson	3
Parkville, G. Donaldson	1
Plainwell, E. A. Tanner	3
Prairieville, D. G. Bruce	2
Richland, W. P. French	3
Saugatuck, to be supplied	
Schoolcraft, W. J. Maybee	1
Schoolcraft Circuit, to be supplied	
South Haven, G. B. Kulp	3
Three Rivers, Jas. W. Reid	2
Vicksburg, H. B. Hunt	2
Waukeshma, E. G. Stevens	1
Nottawa and Bradley Indian Mission, to be supplied	

NILES DISTRICT—W. I. COGSHALL, P. E., 1.

Bangor and Breedsville, G. A. Buell	3
Benton Harbor, L. W. Earle	3
Berrien Springs, W. J. Hathaway	1
Buchanan, S. L. Hamilton	1
Cassopolis, G. C. Elliott	2
Coloma, Isaac Taylor	1
Dayton, E. Tench	1
Decatur, J. White	1
Dowagiac, C. G. Thomas	1
Eau Clare and Pipestone, H. C. Chamberlain	1
Edwardsburg, L. S. Matthews	2
Hartford, W. W. Lamport	1
Keeler and Silver Creek, G. W. Gosling	2
Lawrence, J. R. Odin	1
Lawton, U. Mason	2
Marcellus, W. Prouty	1
Mattawan, to be supplied	
New Buffalo and Three Oaks, E. B. Patterson	2
Niles, I. R. A. Wightman	3
Paw Paw, J. H. Tanner	2
Pokagon, I. Wilson	3
St. Joseph, G. L. Cole	3
Stevensville, W. J. Douglass	2
Vandalia, J. W. Buell	2

J. M. Reid, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society M. E. Church; Member Niles Quarterly Conference.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—J. I. BUELL, P. E., 2.

Ada, to be supplied	
Ashland, to be supplied	
Berlin and Lamont, W. A. Frye	1
Byron Center and Dorr Center, J. W. Horner	1
Caledonia, to be supplied	
Cannonsburg, to be supplied	
Casnovia, to be supplied	
Cedar Springs, T. T. George	2
Coopersville, D. Cronk	2
Grand Haven, W. W. Rork	3
Grand Rapids—	
Ames Church, R. C. Crawford	3
Division Street, John Graham	2
East Street, J. W. H. Carlisle	3
Plainfield Ave., W. M. Puffer	2
Second Street, J. A. Sprague	2
Grandville, A. M. Griffith	2
Hastings, G. D. Lee	1
Hastings Circuit, J. B. Knott	1
Holland, H. D. Jordan	2
Irving, to be supplied	
Middleville, J. E. White	3
Muskegon, W. J. Aldrich	2
Newaygo, J. G. Crozier	2
North Muskegon, to be supplied	
Nunica, to be supplied	
Ravenna, to be supplied	
Rockford, Geo. Varion	2
Sparta, A. J. Wheeler	1
Spring Lake, J. W. Rawlinson	3
Ventura, to be supplied	
Wayland, J. N. Dayton	1

A. H. Gillett, Agent S. S. Union for the South and West; Member Division Street, Grand Rapids, Quarterly Conference.

IONIA DISTRICT—A. P. MOORS, P. E., 2.

Alma, A. F. Hart	1
Belding, to be supplied	
Bowne, J. W. White	2
Carson City, E. H. King	1
Coral, to be supplied	
Danby, J. A. Weyant	1
Edmore, J. Gulick	1
Elm Hall, John Hills	2
Freeport, J. R. Bowen	1
Greenville, L. Grosenbaugh	1
Greenville Circuit, to be supplied	
Hubbardston, D. C. Woodard	3
Ionia, L. Master	3
Lake View, W. Judd	1
Langston, to be supplied	
Lowell, J. W. Davids	3
Lyons and Muir, T. H. Jacokes	1
Orange, O. E. Wightman	2
Orleans, F. A. Van De Walker	2
Palo, F. N. Janes	1
St. Louis, D. C. Riehl	1
Saranac, A. R. Keillor	1
Sheridan, August F. Nagler	1
Stanton, J. J. McAllister	1
Vergennes and Keene, A. W. Burns	2
Woodland, L. M. Garlick	1

LANSING DISTRICT—JAMES HAMILTON, P. E., 4.

Bath, W. J. Swift	1
Breckenridge, Thos. Young	1
Charlotte, W. H. Thompson	2
Dewitt, supplied by Wm. Taylor	2
Eagle, A. H. Sturgis	1
Eaton Circuit, J. W. McAllister	1
Eaton Rapids, R. H. Bready	1
Elsie, G. L. Mount	1
Fowler, to be supplied	
Grand Ledge, C. C. Olds	2
Gresham, F. F. Bliss	1
Ithaca, C. A. Jacokes	2
Lansing—	
Central Church, M. M. Callen	2
First Church, Thos. Riley	2
Maple Rapids, I. B. Tallman	2
Mason, L. DeLamarter	1
Nashville, E. H. Dissette	1
Okemos, A. E. North	2
Ovid, G. C. Draper	3
Portland, J. W. Hallenback	1
Potterville, D. O. Ball	1
St. Johns, A. D. Newton	1
Shepardsville, R. S. McGregor	1
Sickles, to be supplied	
Tompkins, J. H. Thomas	3
Vermontville, B. E. Paddock	3
Wacousta, M. M. Miner	1

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—J. C. FLOYD, P. E., 2.

Big Rapids—	
First Church, F. L. Thompson	1
Calkinsville and Isabella, supplied by J. O. Snider	1
Chase and Baldwin, C. H. Theobald	2
Clare, C. W. Smith	1
Coleman, R. A. Wright	1
Evart, M. W. F. Smith	2
Crystal Valley, supplied by J. W. Perkins	1
Freesoil, G. E. Matthews	2
Fremont, Jas. Roberts	2
Gladwin, S. C. Tiney	2
Harrison, E. Tredgold	1
Hart, N. M. Steele	1
Hersey and Ashton, W. H. B. Urch	1
Hesperia, to be supplied	
Holton, A. S. Jenkins	3
Howard City, E. F. Newell	2
Ludington, G. Daniels	1
Luther, H. R. Hawley	2
Manistee, J. W. Miller	1
Millbrook, George Killeen	1
Montague, H. S. Taft	1
Morley, W. N. Younglove	1
Mt. Pleasant, G. L. Haight	3
Paris, to be supplied	
Pentwater, J. C. Beach	3
Pierson, A. G. Smith	1
Reed City, J. K. Stark	1
Salt River, George H. Lockhart	1
Sanford, Ira A. Scott	1
Shelby, J. S. Valentine	2
Sherman City, supplied by A. F. Swemm	1
Stanwood and Altona, supplied by E. L. Odle	1
Summit & Riverton Indian Mission, supplied by A. A. Darling	2
Whitehall, W. M. Hansom	3
White Cloud, to be supplied	

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT—W. R. STINCHCOMB, P. E., 4.

Bear Lake, to be supplied	
Bellaire, D. A. Green	1
Boyne, to be supplied	
Cadillac, A. J. Eldred	2
Cadillac Circuit, D. F. Ellsworth	1
Charlevoix, C. S. Fox	1
Cross Village, to be supplied	
Elk Rapids, O. J. Golden	3
Elmira, to be supplied	
Fife Lake, S. P. Hewitt	3
Frankfort and Benzonia, G. W. Howe	1
Harbor Springs, to be supplied	
Inland, to be supplied	
Ironton, J. T. Iddings	1
Kalkaska, R. N. Middleton	1
Lake City, J. M. Smith	3
Leroy, to be supplied	
Mancelona, J. C. Ambrose	3
Manton, to be supplied	
Monroe Center, Wm. Paddock	1
Northport and Northport Indian Mission, to be supplied	
Norwich, Thomas Tindall	1
Norwood, B. H. Whitman	1
Oviatt, to be supplied	
Petoskey, G. W. Sherman	2
Petoskey Circuit, to be supplied	
Petoskey Indian Mission, to be supplied	
Sherman, F. J. Freeman	2
South Arm and East Jordan, G. S. Robinson	1
South Frankfort, R. W. Tindall	2
Spencer Creek, A. W. Bushee	2
Traverse City, Robt. Shorts	2
Traverse City Circuit, to be supplied	
Williamburg, W. Heath	3

Paul Des Jardins, Delbert L. Thomas, Arthur K. Stewart, Luther B. Kenyon, J. J. Hartley and Alfred E. Craig, left without appointment, to attend school.

C. E. Mitchell transferred to Detroit Conference.

E. A. Whitwam, President McKindree College.

H. M. Joy, transferred to Northwest Indiana.

F. L. McCoy, transferred to South India.

A. H. Gamble, transferred to South India.

A. R. Boggs, transferred to Dakota.

REPORTS.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee, the Board of Conference Stewards, beg leave to make the following report:

1st. We find the blanks ordered by the Conference a great help in the just distribution of the Conference Claimants' Funds, where they are honestly, or fully, or conscientiously filled out, and we would recommend their continued use, and that all claimants be requested to use them, and that they be put into the hands of the coming Chairman of this Board of Stewards, with instructions that they be distributed early, by mail or otherwise, to all possible claimants on this fund.

2nd. This Board has fully and patiently and impartially considered the claims of each claimant presented, and the results reached have been with great unanimity and quite generally unanimous.

A few very painful and perplexing cases have been before us. We have patiently and prayerfully considered them, ever striving to observe the "Golden Rule" in our Godly judgment and administration. In many cases we feel that awards are far below the necessities. We have done the most and best we could with the funds you have furnished us to distribute.

We do not claim that our work is perfect or without mistakes, neither do we expect that it will give entire satisfaction to all parties interested; but we have the consciousness that, in the fear of God, we have done the best we could and the best we knew how.

We have received—

From Draft returned last year from Mrs. J. Jones	$ 53
From Parkhurst Fund	18 55
Vouchers from J. W. Reid for expenses of cards, blanks, printing, postage, etc.	35 58
From Chartered Fund	30 00
From Methodist Publishing Company	530 90
From Book Concern Dividend	382 00
From Conference Sunday Collection	100 00
From Special Conference Collection, taken for Mrs. G. A. Phillips	50 00
From Collections from Circuits and Stations	4,409 42
Total	$5,556 98

Disbursed as follows:

To Stewards for printing blanks, postage, etc.	$ 4 29
To Conference Claimant Committee expenses	35 58

Distributed to Claimants, as follows, viz.:

Charles Austin	$ 24 00
Rev. I. Bennett	137 28
" F. B. Bangs	68 64
" A. C. Beach	137 28
Mrs. V. G. Boynton	137 78
" Wm. Ball	69 14
" E. Beard	103 46
" D. Burns	103 46
" Laura A. Bronson	103 46
Rev. L. M. Bennett	68 64
" L. Bathrick	34 32
Mrs. J. Boynton	69 14
Rev. N. L. Brockway	102 96
Mrs. Rosina Bignall	103 46
Rev. Thomas Clark	137 28
Mrs. E. L. Child	137 78
" E. C. Chambers	137 78
" Eliz'b'th Cleghorn	69 14
" T. J. Congdon	69 14
Rev. Charles Chick	68 64
" J. W. Cawthorn	102 96
" A. A. Dunton	34 32
Mrs. Wm. Doust	103 46
" W. W. Elder	103 46
" N. Fassett	103 46
" W. S. Foster	34 82
Rev. J. P. Force	68 64
" F. Glass	137 28
" L. J. Griffin	102 96
Mrs. J. Greenstead	103 46
Rev. G. W. Hoag	68 64
" G. S. Hicks	34 32
" J. W. Hollowell	34 32
" D. S. Haviland	102 96
Mrs. G. B. Jocelyn	137 78
" J. Jennings	34 82
Rev. A. E. Ketchum	34 32
" D. R. Latham	4 50
" H. Morgan	102 96
Mrs. Matilda Mount	103 46
Rev. E. Marble	83 64
Mrs. S. Nelson	34 82
Rev. J. H. Pitezel	137 28
Mrs. W. H. Perrine	137 78
" G. A. Phillips	188 20
Rev. J. T. Robe	68 64
Mrs. J. W. Robinson	137 78
" M. I. Smith	103 46
Rev. I. H. Skinner	34 32
Mrs. E. A. Staples	34 82
" R. Sapp	69 14
Rev. S. Steel	137 28
" C. T. VanAntwerp	102 96
Mrs. M. A. Willson	69 14
Rev. D. M. Ward	68 64
" S. C. Woodard	102 96
Mrs. Mary Worthington	103 46
Rev. A. Wakefield	68 64
Mrs. M. B. Camburn	50
" A. L. Crittenden	50

Mrs. D. D. Gillett	103 46	Mrs. B. F. Doughty	50
" A. T. Gray	69 14	" W. F. Jenkins	50
" G. L. Gilbert	34 82	" Wm. McKnight	50
" H. Hall	119 15	" A. J. VanWyck	50
Rev. J. S. Harder	68 64		

L. M. Edmonds, Chairman.

Jas. N. Dayton, Secretary,
In behalf of the Board of Stewards.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

The Christian education and training of nearly one-eighth of our entire population, and through these the education of millions of coming generations, is the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society. Whoever educates these millions gives tone to the present and determines the character of the future. In educating a race, help must come from its own ranks, and these helpers must first be helped. Hence, primary to the whole question are the training schools of the church, which we are called upon to plant and sustain. We believe the Freedmen have this claim of indebtedness over and above the claims of any heathen nation upon us. Every American citizen must respond affirmatively to the rightfulness of this claim to the utmost of his ability. We rejoice in our previous record in the matter of contributions to this fund, placing this Conference the seventh in all Methodism. But we also regret that the decrease of last year's collections places us back to the twenty-first in rank among the Conferences of the church. Therefore,

Resolved, That as a Conference we pledge ourselves to renewed effort to raise the full claim of the Society made upon us.

G. D. Lee,
L. S. Matthews,
J. T. Iddings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

The proper aim of church literature is two-fold, namely: To develop individual piety and to strengthen the church. (1) To accomplish the former, our church literature must be distinctively and deeply religious. The promoter of piety must itself be pious. We need not say that our church periodicals are efficient in this line of work. "The Michigan Christian Advocate," with its circulation of over 5,400 in Michigan Conference alone, is doubtless doing a good work in the way of deepening the spirituality of the people; and "The Northwestern Christian Advocate" and "The (N. Y.) Christian Advocate," whose circulation is shamefully small in our Conference, are most able and zealous promoters of experimental religion. We wish they might have a ten-fold wider circulation.

(2) To strengthen the church is to *develop connectionalism.* We make our boast that our field is the world; and we can best till this great field by emphasizing and strengthening the ties that bind us together as one great evangelizing church. God's sun is perpetually shining upon the Methodist preacher, for all nations hear his voice to-day. The sons and daughters of Methodism are found in every quarter of the globe; and to establish them in our holy doctrine, and to equip them from the central armory of the church is to give unison to their maneuvers, which is the condition of victory. That is to say, the growth of connectionalism is the strengthening of the church. California Methodism, or Florida Methodism, or Mexico Methodism, or Michigan Methodism is nothing, but World Methodism is everything. This being true, the great official church organs deserve, and should receive, the special and enthusiastic support of every agent of our church periodicals.

Ability and piety are essential qualifications for the editorship of our church organs. Methodism cannot afford to be represented by anything less. The world estimates a mine or a church by its output; and signal success is the achievement of a signal ability. Every paper and magazine of Methodism ought to be a pride to every child of our church. Then let every circuit and station in our World-Methodism feel the touch of the great brain and heart of our church editors, and let our great church periodicals have a fair chance to speak to the world.

L. DELAMARTER,
W. A. HUNSBERGER.

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

Your Committee, to whom is committed the question of the "Sanctity of the Sabbath," beg leave to report that the waters of this great republic, over which our Ship of State is sailing to destiny, are at this time in such a troubled condition as to render the wrecking of the ship more than a possibility.

In the midst of the billows of our national life, for the past hundred years or more, the voice of the Christian Sabbath has broken the fury of the tempest, and in the midst of our unparalleled prosperity, done much to give us security and strength.

1st. The wisdom of perpetuating this institution in our *civil life* will appear to every candid mind. If its voice was necessary to modify the tempest during the first century of our voyage, when business agencies were only moderate, and our thinking of the conservative order, as we move out into the ocean depths to meet mightier upheaval of the deep questions that agitate the public mind, and the great sweep of commercial and industrial tides, in these times of political and social unrest, how much more essential will it be for that herald of peace, the

Christian Sabbath, to speak with authority and break up the excitement of pleasure and business by calling the nation every seventh day to rest and devotion.

2nd. The perpetuity of this institution is a necessity to the best interests of the church. And,

3rd. It is seen to be a necessity to the highest interests of *individual Christian development.*

But notwithstanding its necessity in this Christian land today, there are railroads and other corporations encroaching on the hours of the Sabbath for the purpose of advancing business interests.

The spirit of infidelity and lawlessness, hostile to the institution of the Sabbath, is borne to us on the tide of emigration from Continental Europe; while a growing indifference to the obligations of the Sabbath is spreading over the church.

On the other hand we commend the efforts of the trustees and managers of popular assemblies in the direction of Sabbath observance, by closing their gates and otherwise suppressing excursions and other unnecessary travel.

We also commend the efficient work of the Sabbath Observance Department of the W. C. T. U. in their efforts to influence the National Government against needless Sunday work in government service and inter-state commerce. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That as ministers of the gospel we will give to this subject the consideration demanded by its paramount gravity in our pulpit ministrations, by preaching on the subject as often as necessary for the education of the people in this direction.

Resolved, 2nd, That we will avoid all needless travel, by railroad or otherwise, on the Sabbath day.

Resolved, 3d, That we will discountenance the publication of all newspapers and other periodicals on the Sabbath, and the reading of all secular newspapers, or attending to any secular business thereon.

We also recommend that the Bishop and Secretary of this Conference be requested to represent us as a body in their signatures to the following petition:

Petition to Congress against Needless Sunday Work in Government Service and Inter-State Commerce.

PETITION REGARDING SUNDAY MAILS.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, the undersigned, citizens of the United States, hereby respectfully petition your honorable bodies to pass a law instructing the Postmaster-General to make no further contracts which shall include the carriage of the mails on the first day of the week, and to provide that hereafter no mail matter shall be collected or distributed on that day.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, the undersigned, citizens of the United States, respectfully petition your honorable bodies to forbid "inter-state commerce" on the first day of the week, by railroad trains.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, the undersigned, citizens of the United States, respectfully petition your honorable bodies to forbid military drills, musters, and parades of United States cadets, soldiers and marines on the first day of the week, in times of peace, as interfering not only with the soldier's right to the Day of Rest, but also with his rights of conscience.

N. L. BRAY,
E. T. LUMBER.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

Dear Fathers and Brothers:

The Minutes of the Conference from year to year show marked improvement. Under the present system we cannot see how the publication could be improved. The question has been raised whether the present system should be longer continued.

Consider that the minutes as at present produced are designed to record the business transacted at the Annual Conference, and are for the use of our ministers and the few official members who may be interested in plain statements of facts and in statistical reports. To satisfy this demand, three thousand copies is an abundant supply, and yet your committee would call your attention to the twenty thousand homes in Michigan Conference Methodism, and more than thirty thousand members and friends of the church, to whom the Annual Conference is one of the most important events of the year. The question arises, cannot our minutes be so planned as to make the book desirable in these homes? We believe it is within our reach to place a competent authority in charge, who by wise plans and oversight could so arrange for each ensuing publication as to produce a book valuable alike to ministers and laymen, creditable in appearance, and because of systematic method, be at the service of its patrons within a few days after the adjournment of Conference.

We therefore recommend the appointment of a special committee of three, of which M. D. Carrel shall be chairman, with the privilege of nominating his colleagues to cooperate with the standing committee on the publication of the minutes, with instructions to consider the advisability of fitting the minutes for general use in our Conference, and with power to carry out any plans they may adopt for the publication of the minutes of the next session of the Annual Conference.

JAS. W. REID,
WASHINGTON GARDNER,
LEVI MASTER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

It is difficult to place too much emphasis upon the fact that a devoted and educated ministry is the supreme need of the hour. Trained intellect is coming to be the universal demand in all who would control the trend of human thought upon the great questions which affect the well-being of the race. He who seeks to convict the world of the truth of his own opinions upon the great social, political, or religious problems of the day, must be able to do more than mouth stale platitudes, or seek to stir the emotions by vociferous declamation. He must be able to give an intelligent reason for the hope that is in him, and to show that his theories and beliefs are not at variance with the facts of nature, the laws of thought, and the physical, intellectual and moral well-being of man.

Religious questions especially are so related to all the great facts of nature, and so interwoven with all science, that the successful religious teacher needs to be fully abreast of the most advanced scientific thought, and so disciplined, mentally, as to be able to marshal his facts with skill and force.

Truth is ever the same; but our interpretations of truth are affected by our knowledge or ignorance, and a want of familiarity with the facts of nature may lead us to misrepresent and caricature the Author of nature in our interpretations of his written word, or his providential and gracious administration.

Science is but the method by which the Author of nature conducts his operations. God is revealed, not in his word only, but in his works as well, and a knowledge of his works is necessary to a complete understanding of his written revelation, while the value of many scriptural utterances can only be fully appreciated by those who have a correct knowledge of scientific facts.

The revelations of modern astronomy respecting the magnitude of the universe, and stellar distances, have greatly enhanced and intensified the meaning of the sublime statement of the Psalmist: "As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him." These brief allusions will serve to indicate the vast increase of scriptural riches possessed by him who is able to read the word under the light afforded by a comprehensive knowledge of scientific facts.

It is a peculiar gratification for us to know that Methodism is thoroughly alive to the needs of the hour, and is rapidly increasing her educational facilities. No young man who possesses grit as well as grace, (and both are requisite for the work of the ministry), needs to enter upon the important duties of the pastorate without thorough mental preparation; and all such should be instructed that a call to preach is a call to prepare for the work, and should be encouraged to seek a thorough education before pressing into the field.

Communications from Garrett Biblical Institute, and the School of Theology in Boston University, convey encouraging information as to the prosperity of these institutions, and the great value of the work which they are doing. In each of these institutions, tuition and room rent are free to theological students, while the minimum cost of board is only one hundred and twenty dollars per year. It is worthy of note also that the young men who are connected with our Conferences can now pursue a course in the colleges and theological schools of the church without sundering their Conference relations.

With this general reference to the importance of thorough mental training, and the facilities therefor which are furnished by our church, we invite special attention to the condition and needs of our own college.

The effort to secure the much needed increase to its endowment, has attracted more general attention to the institution. The result is that the people of the state are becoming aware of the fact that, in the qualifications of its faculty, the excellence of its methods, and the wholesome character of the influence exerted upon the students, it is unsurpassed by any institution of learning in the country.

The effect of the more general knowledge of these facts is already seen in the gratifying increase in the number of students in attendance during the last term or two, and the unprecedented number of its graduates at the last commencement.

It is with great solicitude, however, that we learn that the present income of the college is not adequate to meet its yearly expenses; and that while the diligent labors of the agent have resulted in securing prospective pecuniary benefits, only unimportant additions have been made to its current receipts. It is therefore with anxiety that we note the progress of the effort to successfully carry out the proposition originated, and so generously headed by Senator T. W. Palmer, to raise $30,000. It is difficult to magnify the importance to the college of the success of this scheme. Its failure would be a staggering blow to the institution.

In order that any of the subscription made under this proposition may become available, $20,000 must be secured before the first of February next. It is proposed that $7,500 of this amount should be raised within the bounds of this Conference. W. H. Brockway, has kindly undertaken this task, generously pledging $3,000 as his own personal subscription. We trust the members of this Conference will cordially second the efforts of Brother Brockway, and render him all the encouragement in their power, assisting him in the canvass, and putting him in communication with any persons whom they may know to be interested in the college, and who are possessed of the financial ability to aid him in the enterprise.

We would also urge upon pastors a more general compliance with the request of Prof. Dickey, to send to him names and addresses of pupils who graduate from our public schools, that he may forward to them the College Year Book.

We listened with interest to the statement of the representative of the Students' Christian Association of Ann Arbor respecting the membership, activity, and success of that organization. While we should in any case be in earnest sympathy with efforts to promote a religious influence in that institution, the fact that so large a member of its students are from Methodist homes should call forth our cordial co-operation in all endeavors to elevate its moral tone.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That we will do our utmost to aid in conducting to a successful issue the efforts to raise $7,500 within the bounds of this Conference towards the $20,000 needed to render valid the subscriptions to the $30,000 proposition of Senator T. W. Palmer.

2nd. That we will endeavor to inspire in our young people a desire for a thorough education, and to turn their attention to Albon College for this purpose.

3rd. That we will especially urge upon candidates for the ministry, the importance of a thorough theological training, and commend them to our theological schools preparatory to their enterance upon their life work.

4th. That we appreciate the importance of greater facilities for christian work among the students of the State University: and would earnestly commend the project of building a hall for the use of the Association, and bespeak for the Agent a cordial reception and a liberal response.

Your committee would also recommend as follows:

For Managers of Asbury Centenary Association, J. K. Stark, D. F. Barnes, Wm. Van Loo, M. R. Bissell.

For Trustees of Albion College, for the full term, A. M. Gould; to fill unexpired term of H. M. Joy, resigned, L. Master.

For Visitors to Albion College, M. M. Callen, J. W. H. Carlisle, N. M. Steel.

For Vistors to Garrett Biblical Institute, G. S. Hickey, J. Graham.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. JOY, *Chairman.*

MISSION AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg leave to report that the accounts with the several Presiding Elders for the districts and charges having missionary appropriations are correct, as per vouchers and funds used, with one exception,—Kendall charge using only three-fourths of the sum appropriated, the balance being in the hands of the Presiding Elder, D. F. Barnes, and at your disposal.

(Signed,)
J. A. SPRAGUE,
G. W. SHERMAN,
W. HANSOM.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Michigan Conference continues to rejoice in the progressive attitude assumed by the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which declared in most positive terms for total abstinence, and for Constitutional Prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The saloon power is the worst foe of the church as well as State. It is not only the chief source of poverty, misery, and crime; the great enemy of industry, labor, and public virtue; the fountain of political corruption and anarchy; but also an alarming cause of backsliding in the church. Believing that the effectual Prohibition of the drink traffic would be followed by a glorious moral regeneration and revival of true religion, it follows that the relation of the Christian church to the rum curse must be that of antagonistic aggression.

While we deprecate unfriendly criticism and controversy, we cannot ignore the necessary political connection of the temperance question, which we must now look squarely in the face if we would prove ourselves worthy citizens of the republic as well as faithful members of Christ's church. The responsibility of the great Methodist Episcopal Church on this question is tremendous. God has now at last laid this question of Prohibition upon the conscience of every Gospel minister and church member. May His grace help us to incarnate our conscience in our vote, and to see the fallacy of sanctioning crime by license! We believe that God will bless or curse this nation according to the course taken by the church and her ministers on the great question of suppressing by law the accursed liquor traffic.

Can it be that membership in the Gospel ministry absolves a man from his political duties, or requires him to ignore his moral obligations? Are not God's watchmen, who are the sworn expositors of His will, ever to look into the tendencies of governmental policies? and when those tendencies are manifestly anti-Christian, are not we bound to throw all our influence against them, and strive to turn the tide of political wrong and corruption? Did not Christ teach that it was possible for disciples to labor in and for the corrupt world, and yet to be kept from the evil?

We are aware that one can degrade the pulpit by making it the vehicle of *mere* partisanship, and of what does not pertain to the salvation of souls. But has the church no interest in what the civil government is, or should be? Must the Christian minister remain an ignoramus in regard to the politics of his country? Must he be kept from all discussion of those national issues that are of an acknowledged moral nature by the cry of "no politics in the pulpit,"—a cry raised by the wicked for the purpose of muzzling the mouths of God's ministers relative to important principles of the decalogue?

With political issues which involve no moral principle, we have little to do, but is it not the imperative duty of the church and her ministers to cry aloud as did God's ancient prophets, against sins in high places, and spare not any political Herod; to protest against degrading practices that bid defiance to all moral law, and to oppose without compromise, and defeat if possible the enactment of corrupt measures that licence crime and are the means of spreading dissipation and death? Can even a Gospel minister, who has neglected to protect the homes of the people or to oppose by his voice and vote the iniquities of the rum devil expect to hear at last the "Well done, good and faithful servant?'

In a country like ours, we belive politics to be a part of religion, and that we must do our duty to our country as part of our duty to God; and, since we also believe the moral principle of Prohibition to be the only hope of the country against the desolating rum curse, we will therefore defend our convictions when necessary in the political temperance arena, nor allow any fear of embarrassing political parties to keep us from preaching the gospel of Prohibition. We hold further, that every Christian minister is guilty of a moral wrong who is longer silent, or non-committal on the question of Prohibition, which has become the great moral factor in politics, calling loudly for defense.

Will any one deny that the temperance question is in politics? Is not that a political as well as moral question upon which every state in the Union has legislated in some way, as by tax, or license, or Prohibition? Must we not follow the temperance issue into the political arena—even to the primaries and ballot-box where the liquor oligarchy themselves have, by secret and combined effort forcibly carried it in the interest of their infernal traffic? In order to fight an enemy, must we not go where he is, not where he is not? If not by political methods, how then are the banded and desperate minions of the strong drink evil to be fought?

WHEREAS, under God and our system of government, all great reforms involving a change in our laws, as in the slavery issue, are carried to success through political agency and organization; and

WHEREAS, we belive that temperance reform will come through the people's votes under the auspices of some political party; Therefore,

Resolved, That we hail with joy the advent of any political organization which has or shall put on the whole armor of reform, and is determined to stamp out the vile liquor curse.

Resolved, That the growing enormity of the strong drink evil calls for the immediate concentration of the Christian zeal, effort, and firmness of the good men of all parties who shall unite in the support of an anti-saloon party whose corner-stone shall be constitutional and statutory Prohibition of the liquor traffic.

Why does the strong drink crime continue to exist? It is because temperance men do not come together and vote it out of existence. One blow at the ballot-box unitedly given by all the Christian voters would be the death blow to King Alcohol. There is yet an indifference amounting to hostility, a conscience blinded by party prejudice, and a lack of courage to follow moral convictions.

Let us therefore strive to rouse a mighter Christian faith and temperance sentiment, and awaken the people to conscientious effort and heroic sacrifice. Yes, there can be no doubt but that persecutions and sacrifice if not martyrdom itself await many temperance reformers, for nothing great and good was ever yet accomplished except by toil, and trial, and suffering.

During this formative period of the great moral party of the future, shall we be known in the history of it only by our criminal silence and inactivity?

> "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
> In the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side."

Shall not these times bring forth the men? Aye, they will. A hundred thousand Haddock's are ready to rise in their might when God strikes the hour on the dome of the sky. The name of the cruelly martyred Haddock shall be remembered on the brighetest page of the historian down to eternal ages. He still lives, and the example of his noble fidelity is confirming many a wavering spirit. Henceforth at the mention of his name the blood will flow more quickly, and the heart beat higher in the bosom of every true reformer. Let us, by our redoubled energy and efforts against the heartless traffic, avenge the death of our martyred brother whose blood is calling to us from the ground. Let us no longer pray "Thy kingdom come" and vote for the reign of the devil, but henceforth let us vote as we pray, regardless of party lines and party lashes. May our resolutions crystalize into shape till the subtle electricity of God's temperance cause shall condense into livid thunderbolts that shall smite the guilty head of the accursed rum monster!

Above all, let us not forget that "We are laborers together with God," and that no war waged under His standard ever ends in defeat. Let us be willing to stand up and be counted—stand, if we must stand alone. A vote for principle is never lost. It is always safe to do right so long as God is on the throne of the universe. Reforms never go backward. Victory is in the air, brothers. May our eyes soon see the glory of the coming of the Lord!

GEO. S. HICKEY, *Chairman.*
MORTON D. CARREL,
M. W. F. SMITH,
R. SHORTS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

Wesley, more than Raikes, was the introducer and the pioneer of Sunday school work. Forty years before Raikes organized a Sunday school, Wesley had one at Savannah, Georgia. His excellent mother had one in England seventeen years earlier. And Asbury started the first Sunday school in Virginia. Following the example of Asbury and the Wesleys, Methodists used to be very attentive to Sunday school work. Such work, within our Conference, is increasing in power. More attention than heretofore is paid to a critical knowledge of the Bible. Some of our best Sunday schools have systems of examination, modeled after our best public schools, and by careful questioning, mark the proficiency of scholars in both the historical and the doctrinal teachings of the lessons for each quarter. Some superintendents also give drills in the geography and the history of the Bible. Many schools give special attention to Biblical temperance, and enforce the clear teachings of the Bible against every kind of intemperance. Nor, in Sunday schools of much instructive power, are appeals to seek salvation neglected. Fervent appeals from our superintendents, personal religious conversation by the teachers, and organizing the children into classes for religious instruction, all contributing to build up a church like that which Bishop Simpson predicted would be the glorious church of the future,—such are leading features in present Sunday school progress; and our church members are heeding the sentiment of Longfellow as he said,—

"Ah! what would the world be to us
If the children were no more!
We should dread the desert behind us
Worse than the dark before."

We also are paying better attention to our own Sunday school literature. The cheap publications of Mr. Cook are disappearing rapidly. Our book concerns find it difficult to fill their many Sunday school orders. Would that every pastor in Michigan Methodism would be like our German preachers of whom it is said that not one of them chooses other Sunday school literature in preference to Methodist publications. As our discipline gives a pastor a veto power on the literature in his Sunday schools, let him not be afraid to exercise such authority.

Our Sunday schools are conforming more closely to our discipline. More Sunday school boards are found. More Sunday school constitutions harmonize with disciplinary requirements. And, so we have safer teachers and supervision.

Concerning tracts, we would follow in the footsteps of Mr. Wesley. He favored the use of tracts, and encouraged their circulation in all of his societies. Every Tract Committee should be well provided with tracts, and should choose different parties to aid in their judicious distribution. The Annual Tract collection invariably should be taken.

We close by presenting the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we advise all our Sunday schools to give a decided preference to the periodicals and books of our own publishing houses, and that our pastors faithfully use their veto power whenever schools desire to use unsuitable literature.

Resolved, 2. That every Sunday school within our bounds should have a Sunday school board, as the discipline directs.

Resolved, 3. That we hope all our pastors will organize the children into classes, according to the provisions of the discipline.

Resolved, 4. That we express a wish that every society should be well provided with tracts, for use among the intemperate, the backslidden, and the ungodly, as well as delinquent professors of piety.

C. L. BARNHART, *Chairman.*

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible is the Book of books. The American and Foreign Bible Society is gratefully acknowledged by all good people as the efficient agency and dispenser of light and truth. It has scattered its unfading leaves to the four winds of earth for the healing of the nations.

Being undenominational it supplements all Christian work at home and abroad. Truly a society like unto this is worthy of our hearty support. The receipt during the year ending May 13th, 1886, for general purposes were $253,910.59, a decrease from the previous year of $64,003.75. The funds of the society have been used to promote the publication of large editions of standard versions in other lands; and among those specially worthy of mention are 67,321 volumes printed and 20,720 in press at Contantinople and Beyroot; 22,378 volumes printed at Yokohama; and 163,500 volumes or nearly seventeen million pages in China. There have also been issued during the year 207 volumes in raised letters for the blind.

The issues of the society during seventy years, which embraces nearly all the time the society has existed amount to $46,877,646. Believing that this society has been an efficient aid to us, as a church, and that it yet has an important mission among us as well as other protestant churches.

Your committee would heartily endorse its work and exhort all the pastors and churches of the Michigan Conference to contribute liberally towards its support the coming year.

(Signed,) G. W. GOSLING,
W. W. RORK,
T. RILEY,
F. A. VAN DE WALKER.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee on State of the Church beg leave to report that they find reasons for profound gratitude in the progress the church universal is making in the conquest of the world to Christ. The century in which we live is pre-eminently a missionary century. It marks a new and brighter era in the history of Christian civilization and evangelization. In our own land there are many and gratifying evidences of consecration, activity and zeal among the evangelical churches. For the defense of our civil, social and religious institutions the church stands as a mighty bulwark against the demoralizing influences of foreign emigrants on the one hand and American degenerates on the other.

We find occasion for rejoicing in the evident favor God has graciously shown in raising up, through the instrumentality of the preached word and Spirit's power, a mighty people called Methodists to assist in making known to man in all lands the covenant of his grace and redemption.

The increase from less than $900, in 1819, to $1,000,000 in 1886, is evidence that the church's interest in and liberality toward world evangelization has grown even more rapidly than the church itself, and the fact that in India six members of the Michigan Conference alone will soon be toiling for the Master is proof that the divine command, though uttered nearly twenty centuries past, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," does not fall unheeded upon the ears of men. That the blessing of God may rest abundantly upon our brothers and sisters now in India, and upon those so soon to go from us, we are confident is the prayer of all who remain.

Again, we find reason for thankfulness in the growing intelligence among both laity and ministry. Our denominational colleges, universities and theological institutions, supplementing the public schools, are raising up a rapidly increasing number of cultivated men and women in the pew and preachers in the pulpit. As Methodist ministers, we are convinced that it is to our interest as a church, and for the welfare of evangelical Christianity, to influence, so far as we consistently can, our young people seeking higher education, to enter and complete a course of instruction in our own denominational schools.

The large and growing number of associate readers of good and instructive books, through the agency of the Chautauqua Circles, as well as the increased circulation of church papers and periodicals, is of wholesome tendency and full of promise.

As we look with pride on the record made by the Methodist Episcopal Church in that mighty struggle, the result of which was to leave no vestige of chattel slavery in our land, so we rejoice in the firm and uncompromising position of the denomination against the slavery of rum, and we pledge ourselves to stand firm and together on the platform of total abstinence to the individual and prohibition to the seller, until this worse than human slavery is extirpated and banished from the land.

While there is much over which we may rejoice, there are those things which should cause us to lament; among these we mention the growing tendency to erase the sharply defined lines that should exist between the world and the church; to make of the church a social rather than a soul-saving institution; to rely on the skill of the evangelist rather than upon the Lord, the Word, the people and the pastor for revivals; to consider the class-meeting as the absolute institution as a means of grace. As Methodists we cannot afford to do away with this alphabet of religious culture.

It is a source of regret that so many parents fail to inculcate in their children a love for the Methodist Episcopal Church. Every member should be able to give a reason, not only for the faith that is in him as a Christian, but why he is a Methodist. As a matter of education, every pastor ought to instruct his people in the peculiarities of our doctrines and our polity, and make known, or cause to be made known, something of the history of that church which, though but little more than a hundred years old, has caused its pulse beat to be felt around the world.

As a matter of fact, vast numbers of the people in our land are as far from the direct influence of the preached Word as the natives of Calcutta or Foo Chow. The tendency is to two great classes, the church and the non-church attendants. To reach the unreached masses is one of the greatest problems that confronts the church of to-day. The gospel pure and simple, preached and practiced in the pulpit and the pew, is, with the blessing of God, the influence which is to reach and convert the masses. The growing disregard of the sanctity, and consequent increasing desecration, of the Christian Sabbath is one of the alarming indications as to the future of the church and country; and we believe it to be the duty of every minister, as Christian and patriot, to cry out against it.

Brethren, there is much to inspire, to encourage, and cause the ministry and church of to-day to persevere. God is surely with His people now as ever; let us be sure we and our people are with God.

WASHINGTON GARDNER,
JOHN M. REID,
JOHN GRAHAM,
D. F. BARNES,
C. C. OLDS,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE W. F. M. S.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized 17 years ago in Boston, with Mrs. Bishop Baker, as its first president. Dr. Butler who knows so well the peculiarities and needs of the foreign field tells us that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is as much the child of Divine providence as Methodism itself. God certainly raised up this society to meet a want in the foreign mission field, that no existing society was competent to fill. It bridged a great chasm in missionary enterprise. And it has not only done a great work, in the 17 years of its history, within its own sphere, but it has certainly infused new principles and new life into the work of Christian missions, and has given a more profound interpretation to the missionary idea. God not only inspired the thought that has been embodied in this society, but his providential hand touched the springs that turned it into shape, and he has been its inspiration all through its history. And this society has, during the seventeen years of its history, raised nearly $50.000 to carry on its work; and the work broadens every day and demands at our hands, in the name of the blessed Master, increased sympathy and zeal.

May God's good Spirit lead the church up into such a spirit of consecration as will lead her to meet the demand, and we would here in this report renew the expression of our confidence and faith in this society, and pledge ourselves to continued and hearty co-operation with our sisters in the great work to which God in his providence has called them.

I. B. TALLMAN,
G. S. BARNES.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

In the early part of this Conference year your committee began active work, seeking to accomplish for the Conference $5,000, and no blanks. Last year the total contributions were $4,761, exhibiting a decrease of $412 over the previous year. There were also twenty-three charges which failed to report collections. The *Michigan Christian Advocate* heartily entered into the working plans of the committee. Its columns were open for our use, and plans were early perfected to advance its circulation, paying ten cents to the Conference claimants for each subscriber, conditioned on raising at least 10,000.

With these encouragements Historical Day was reached and passed, showing a marked advance in interest, and now at the close of the year we are able to report a total contribution of $5,556, *and no blanks.* Every charge in the Michigan Conference reported a collection for the Conference claimants. This amount is $796 increase over the contributions of last year. With the largely increased membership reported as the result of our great revivals, we think this Conference may with confidence ask the church for $6,000 in the year 1887.

JAS. W. REID,
W. I. COGSHALL,
G. C. DRAPER.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

ALBION DISTRICT.

Cooper St. and Haven Churches		$ 100

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Douglass	$ 50	
Schoolcraft	50	
Saugatuck	25	
		$ 125
Nottawa and Bradley Indian Mission		$ 40

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Grand Haven		$ 200

NILES DISTRICT.

Cassopolis	$ 75	
Dayton	50	
		$ 125

LANSING DISTRICT.

Breckenridge	$ 50	
Fowler	50	
Sickles	50	
		$ 150

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Coleman	$ 50	
Chase	100	
Freesoil	60	
Gladwin	100	
Harrison	60	
Hesperia	40	
Pentwater	140	
Stanwood	40	
Fremont	50	
Howard City	50	
Crystal Valley	40	
Sanford	50	
Reed City	100	
White Cloud	40	
		$ 920

INDIAN WORK.

Riverton Indian Mission	$ 80	
Isabella Indian Mission	150	
District	150	
		$ 380

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Inland	$ 25	
Bellaire	80	
Cadillac	100	
Cadillac Circuit	40	
Cross Village	50	
Frankfort	80	
Kalkaska	80	
Lake City	50	
Mancelona	75	
Sherman	40	
Monroe Center	150	
South Arm and East Jordan	80	
Ironton	50	
Spencer Creek	40	
Traverse City Circuit	75	
Norwich	40	
Williamsburg	40	
District	285	
		$1,380

INDIAN WORK.

Petoskey Indian Mission	150	
Elk Rapids Indian Mission	50	
Northport Indian Mission	80	
District	100	
		$ 380

DRS. JOCELYN AND PERRINE MEMORIAL.

Your committee to whom was assigned the work of raising money for a memorial to Drs. Jocelyn and Perrine beg leave to report:

We have pushed the work of procuring subscriptions as fast as practicable during the year, and have up to date in cash and reliable pledges the sum of $200.00. We hope to realize at least $75.00 from the *Conference Daily Advocate.*

We recommend that the sum of $300 be expended for the procuring of two suitable monuments to mark the graves of our deceased brethren, and that they be in place before the annual commencement in June, using what funds we have for that purpose.

M. D. CARREL,
N. L. BRAY,
G. L. COLE,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Albion District	$ 3,758 89	
Coldwater District	2,296 87	
Kalamazoo District	2,892 06	
Niles District	1,596 18	
Grand Rapids District	2,957 11	
Ionia District	1,703 03	
Lansing District	2,752 95	
Big Rapids District	1,580 24	
Grand Traverse District	715 17	
		$20,252 50
The Methodist Publishing Co.	530 90	
Book Concern Dividend	382 00	
Chartered Fund	30 00	
Parkhurst Fund	18 55	
Sunday Col'n for Credit Kal. First Church	100 00	
Coll'd J. W. Reid, Chg'es, not reported	5 00	
Geo. White, Marengo, Bro. Potts	4 25	
Coll'd Conf. Cls.	49 74	
		$ 1,120 44
From Coll'ns Minutes	55 00 32 50	
		$ 87 50
From Coll'ns Conf. Expenses		14 97
Balance bro't for'd former Treasurer		9 00
Total receipts from all sources		$ 21,484 41

($2,031.70 more than last year.)

DISBURSEMENTS.

Treas. Missionary Society		$10,183 42
" W. For. M. Society		6 36
" Ch. Ext. Society		1,244 96
" Freedmen's Aid Society		1,282 16
" Ch's Day Fund		391 98
" Conf. Educational Society		173 09
" Tract Society		181 64
" S. S. Union		274 37
Dr. Mead, A. B. Society		254 39
Bishops' Fund		1,289 64
L. M. Edmonds, Ch'n B'd Stew.		5,520 61
Minutes	$102 80 55 00 32 50	
		190 30

Treas. W. H. M. Society	52 00	
" Gen. Conf. Del. Exp. Fund	410 53	
Albion College	5 00	
Conference Expenses	20 15	
Balance on hand	3 82	
		$21,484 41

E. T. LUMBER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF P. S. F. S.

During the past year our society has lost by death five members, viz.: A. L. Crittenden, Noah Fassett, H. F. Spencer, A. J. Van Wyck. Stephen Nelson. These losses necessitated a per capita assessment of $23.30. Adding to this the annual dues of $2.00 as renewals, we have $25.30 as the cost of $1,000 insurance for each member. The average number of years of membership of these decedents in our society is twelve. The average total payment into the society is $118.48. The average benefit to each is $995.28. The average excess of benefit over expense to these decedents is $876.80. Reckoning the interest on their payments for twelve years, and adding it to the payments, we have about $780 as the actual average profits to these brethren of membership in the P. S. F. S.

Since this society began to pay $1,000 benefit (i. e. since 1872) the average annual cost of $1,000 insurance has been $12.19. That is, for a period of fifteen years we have insured for $1,000 at a small average annual expense of $12.19. No complaint can justly be made against such a showing.

I have made an effort to reach a fair estimate of the average age of the membership of our society, and find it to be forty-seven years. If now we compare the cost of insurance in our society with the cost in stock companies at the same average age we will discover that ours is cheap insurance. For instance, in the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York (as strong, reliable and cheap as any) the cost of $1,000 insurance at the age of forty-seven years is $42.50, as against $12.19 in the P. S. F. S.

This year we have suffered comparatively heavy losses, the number of deaths being larger than in any year since we have paid $1,000 benefit, with the two exceptions of the years 1881 and 1884, when the number was the same as this year (five). As in every mutual association, our cost fluctuates with the number of deaths. The average cost of each death to each surviving member since 1872 has been $6.32, but this year it has been only $5.06.

L. DE LAMARTER,
Sec. P. S. F. S.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The Educational Society of the Michigan Conference of the M. E. Church, in account with W. H. Brockway, Treasurer.

			DR.	CR.
1885.				
Sept. 30,	By am't brought down,			$ 66 58
" 30,	" cash from Conference Treasurer,			166 02
1886.				
Jan. 12,	By cash refunded by J. B. Field,			10 00
May 16,	" " per C. L. Barnhart,			9 00
				$251 60
1885.				
Sept. 30,	To paid J. S. Smart, by order of the Conference,		$ 32 25	
Oct. 22,	To paid P. C. Egbert,	No. 1,	15 00	
Nov. 8,	" " P. C. Egbert,	" 2,	5 00	
" 12,	" " J. B. Field,	" 3,	10 00	
Dec. 22,	" " A. S. Williams,	" 4,	10 00	
1886.				
Jan. 16,	To paid W. L. Holmes,	No. 6,	10 00	
" 16,	" " A. L. McCarthy,	" 5,	5 00	
" 20,	" " A. L. McCarthy,	" 7,	20 00	
" 21,	" " John C. Chase,	" 8,	10 00	
Mar. 17,	" " D. Curry,	" 9,	5 00	
" 19,	" " J. A. Bready,	" 10,	15 00	
Apr. 1,	" " E. L. Moon,	" 11,	25 00	
May 8,	" " Will L. Holmes,	" 12,	15 00	
" 8,	" " C. E. Mitchell,	" 13,	20 00	
" 19,	" " D. Curry,	" 14,	15 00	
" 19,	" " Samuel Speare,	" 15,	15 00	
				$227 25
				$ 24 35

Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, Sept. 16th, 1886, the sum of $24.35.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BROCKWAY, *Treasurer.*

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. FRANKLIN GAGE.

Franklin Gage was born September 13, 1815, at Vergennes, Rutland County, Vermont. He lived at that place with his parents until their death, which occurred when he was six years of age. When he was twenty years of age he moved to Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and apprenticed himself to a blacksmith for one year, and of the two years following he learned what he could of the carpenter's and tailor's trades. Prior to this he had made up his mind some time to become a missionary. When he was fourteen years of age he engaged himself to a farmer for $5 during the summer. Here he commenced to study evenings, borrowing books for this purpose. These books were read lying on his back, on the floor, and by the light of a pine knot.

When he was fifteen he became converted at a camp meeting, and soon after went to Canada, where he became acquainted with Aaron Hurd, a former missionary among the Indians. He received a license to exhort in the spring of 1832, from Rev. Waldron. In the spring of 1833 he went to Harpersfield, Ohio, and from there to Austinburg seminary. He recived license to preach from Ira Eddy of the Erie Conference, Unionville, Ohio, and started with several exhorters and local preachers for the west, arriving at Florence, St. Joseph County, Michigan, in company with Henry Worthington, and concluded to tarry there during the winter. Each engaged in teaching until the spring of 1838. He then returned to Painesville, Ohio, and was married to Mary C. Dimmick. A month later he started for their frontier home in Michigan. He was recommended to the Indiana Conference by the quarterly Conference held at White Pigeon, Richard Hargrave, P. E., to become a traveling preacher, and was stationed on Goshen circuit as junior preacher with J. M. Boyd. After three months' travel he was taken off and stationed at Mishawaka, labored to the end of the year and was then appointed to St. Joseph mission, and he entered upon his work at once, and during the winter had a great revival, 300 persons joining the church as the result of their labors. This was in the winter of 1838–9. He continued on this circuit until the fall of 1840, was then appointed to Prairie Ronde, and had a great revival on Gourdneck prairie. The next year he was appointed to Allegan mission, had a revival there and built a brick church. Later he held a camp-meeting where many souls were converted. In the fall of 1840 he was appointed to Grand Rapids. At this place he preached three and four times on the Sabbath, and nearly every evening during the week in the homes of the people. It took four weeks to make his circuit, and he was guided on his way by marked trees and Indian trails. It would be impossible to speak of all that happened here. Many and strange were the scenes he passed through. He was at this place two years. In 1844 he was sent to Kalamazoo and remained on this circuit two years. We next find him at White Pigeon, Niles, Battle Creek, Jackson, where he built a brick church, Paw Paw, where he released the church from debt, and at Union City, where he freed that church from debt. He next went to Homer, then to Galesburg, after which he located and went to his farm in Barry County, remaining on his farm eight years, during this time organizing the Prairieville circuit. The next two years he organized and preached on what is now known as the Otsego charge, and following he organized and preached on the Richland circuit. He was then sick (caused by a sunstroke) for over two years, after which he again joined the Conference and went to Moscow. After this he was at Oshtemo, Colon, Girard, and Burr Oak, where he raised the church debt and repaired the church, and White Pigeon for two years, and one year at Bronson. He was then superannuated and removed to his farm at Colon, where he remained until his death, Jan. 1, 1886. He was a great sufferer during the last two years of his life, and never recovered from the grief caused by the death of his wife in 1884. He was an earnest preacher, a faithful pastor, and a successful soul winner, faithfully cultivating some of the hardest fields, and ably filling some of the best pulpits of Michigan Methodism. G.

REV. NOAH FASSETT.

Rev. Noah Fassett left Eaton Rapids, Mich., for the better, restful country November 7th. 1885, after a lingering sickness. He was born in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y. He was descended from Methodist stock, and enjoyed in his early life the advantages of a Godly home.

His parents were New Hampshire people, who settled in New York in 1815 and in Michigan a few years later.

His father preached the first sermon ever heard in Jackson county, this State, in September, 1830, and preached his last sermon at a quarterly meeting in Albion in April, 1842. Noah was well instructed by his pious parents, and received other intellectual training at Albion Seminary (now College) during the years 1842–45. His religious impressions dated from his earliest recollection, and his conversion occurred in Sandstone, Jackson Co., when he was only nine years old. "My convictions," he said, "were not as pungent as many relate of themselves, nor was the change as instantaneous, or the witness of the Spirit at first as clear, as some claim, but years of experience have tended to make the evidences of Christ's saving presence in my heart clearer, deeper, and more fully satisfactory than in early life." Soon after his conversion he felt that he must preach, but did not confess his feelings to his parents until shortly before his father's death. In the summer of 1846, while a student at Albion, he received his first license to exhort from Wellington H. Collins. One year later he was licensed to preach, and received on trial in the Michigan Annual Conference. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hamline in 1849, and Elder by Bishop Morris in 1851. His first appointment in 1847 was with Isaac Bennett as preacher in charge on Burlington Circuit. In 1848, Livingston Circuit, F. W. Warren in charge; 1849, Manchester Circuit, with Isaac Abbott; 1850, Duplain; 1851–2, Greenville; 1853, Eaton Rapids; 1854, Union City; 1855–6, Girard; 1857–8, Jonesville; 1859–60. Reading; 1861, Dowagiac; 1862–3, Battle Creek; 1864, Niles; 1865–6, Hillsdale; 1867–8, Marshall; 1869–70, Lansing, First Church; 1871–4, Lansing District; 1875–6, Homer; 1877–8, Litchfield; 1879, Concord; 1880–1. Springport; 1882, Olivet; 1883, Nashville. At the close of his pastorate at Nashville he was granted a superannuated relation, and retired to his farm, but was unable to work much. His energies had been expended in the labors of the ministry. His death so soon after superannuation shows that he was "worn out," and could do no more than compose his mind for the happy release which has come to him.

Brother Fassett was married to Miss Emily A. Fuller, Aug. 30, 1849. Three daughters blessed their union. One died in infancy, and two, Mary Amelia, wife of Rev. C. L. Ellis, and Ella Amina, are yet living.

So positive were some of his theological views that he shrank not from controversy in order to maintain them.

As the end came near, he recognized it, and calmly made all possible provision therefor. Personal preparation was not necessary, *that* had been made long before. And thus he calmly awaited his last appointment, and departed in the peace of God.

He has made the itinerants last move, and reached the itinerants only home. His last hours are well described by the words of Robert Blair.

" * * * * * Sure, the last end
Of the good man is peace. How calm his exit!
Night dews fall not more gently to the ground,
Nor weary worn out winds expire so soft;
Behold him in the evening tide of life,
A life well spent, whose early care it was
His riper years should not upbraid his green;
By unperceived degrees he wears away;
Yet like the sun—seems larger at his setting!
High in his faith and hopes, look how he reaches
After the prize in view, and like a bird

That's hampered, struggles hard to get away
Whilst the glad gates of sight are wide expanded
To let new glories in, the first fair fruits
Of the fast coming harvest, then, oh! then
Each earthborn joy grows vile or disappears
Shrunk a thing of nought. Oh how he longs
To have his passport signed and be dismissed.
'Tis done! and now he's happy, the glad soul
Has not a wish uncrowned." * * *

REV. A. L. CRITTENDEN.

Bro. Crittenden was born in Ontario (now Walworth, N. Y.), Nov. 14, 1814. He died in Howell, Mich., Oct. 21, 1885, being nearly seventy-one years of age. He came from Indiana in 1835, carrying all he possessed in a sack. In 1831 he was converted, under the labors of Rev. J. H. Whalen. He was married August 27, 1837, to Miss Jane Thompson. In 1836 the church at Howell gave him his license to exhort under Rev. Washington Jackson. In 1843 he was licensed as a local preacher; in 1850 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Morris. In 1854 he was admitted on trial in the Michigan Conference and appointed to Portland, and afterwards appointed to the following charges, viz.: Williamston, Mason, Eaton Rapids, DeWitt, Coldwater, Osseo, Centerville, Decatur, Edwardsburgh, Berrien Springs, Pokagon, Okemos, Shepherdsville, Maple Rapids, Mosherville, Union City, Moscow and Springport. In 1880, in consequence of failing health, he superannuated and went to his former home in Howell.

This sketch that I have just read suggests a number of thoughts. We will now notice some of these, and also some things that we have had personal knowledge of. First, we remark Bro. Crittenden was blest in his ancestry; his parents were Christians—his father was a minister, his mother, a woman of prayer. A rich inheritance cast its shadow upon him at the threshold of life; it fell upon him in his cradle. Again, Bro. Crittenden was blest with an early conversion. Childhood and the kingdom of God are not far apart, and it is not necessary to make long inroads into the enemy's territory in order to find the highway of holiness, and if we had been converted in youth we might have been saved from the scars and stains that sin has made upon our characters and lives. Again, he was blest with a satisfactory call to the ministry. When God wants men He knows where to find them, and He knows how to call them so they can understand it. God knew where Saul of Tarsus was, and if He had a difficult subject he was equal to the work. The call was satisfactory. Our brother was never known to express doubts on either of these questions, and it was this satisfactory call that caused him to leave his home with his family and move from place to place as long as health would permit. Again, Bro. Crittenden was an honest man, in the broadest sense of that term. The poet says, "An honest man is the noblest work of God."

He was one of God's noblemen. First, we remark, he was honest with himself; he discharged duty as he understood it and followed the light he had and prayed for more. He was honest with his conscience; he did not try to bribe it, but he obeyed it, enlightened by the spirit of God, in harmony with His word. Again, he was honest with humanity in general, and if all professed Christians in the past had been like him, infidelity would have no excuse for an existence. He was honest with his church; he believed its doctrines fully and preached them intelligently, and defended them masterly, triumphantly. He never found any necessity for a re-statement of his creed, for he stated it after God's pattern in the first place. Truth does not need changing; the multiplication table, the Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount will remain; to re-state them would not strengthen them. Common honesty would not let him take money from a church and then try to undermine it. He made no compromises with sin or error; policy never entered his creed. Again, he was honest with his brethren in the ministry; he looked upon all as having equal rights with himself, other things being equal. He had a tender regard for the rights of others; again and again he has said to me, "Bro. Taylor, don't move any man to accommodate me." He never imagined that the Conference joined him, but he joined the Conference, not to make his appointment where he wanted it, but to take it where the authority of the church saw fit to send him. If he ever thought it was not what it ought to have been he had the satisfaction of knowing that he was not responsible. Again, he was honest with his God, and this rounded his character as a Christian gentleman. Again, he was a man of convictions. All men, it is said, have opinions, but few have convictions. Our brother had them and was true to them, then he knew that there would never be any necessity for apology, and would have no need to defend his course in life, for *that* would in time defend *him*. If he had lived in the days of the apostles he would have been a martyr; or if in the days of Luther, he would have been by his side; if in the days of the Wesleys he would have been a member of the "Holy Club;" and living in the 19th century he stood straight as an angel for truth, for humanity, for the Almighty; and this honesty and these *convictions* caused him to take a right view of all moral questions and then a *right* position in relation to them. The question with him was not will the world approve, but will God approve; not will my church be with me, but will *Christ* be with me, and can I afford to be with myself; for he knew he would have self with him eternally, and it would not pay only to live with an honest man.

As a preacher but few stood above Bro. Crittenden, and the number was very small that were his equal. As a logician he excelled. The channel he dug for his thoughts to run in (as Robert Hall says) were always in a logical form. I ask the question to-day in humility and in deference to this cultured, strong body of ministers—where, I say, where is the brother upon whom his mantle has fallen in this respect? Who of us will undertake to measure arms with him here? He framed his arguments not only so you could understand them, but so you could not misunderstand them. When the farmers in Michigan cleared their land they first removed the underbrush out of their way, then they commenced their more difficult work. When I was looking at the capitol in Canada a few years ago a man living there said to me, "We went down for the foundation of that building (I think he said) eleven feet." I said, "Why did you go so far?" His answer was, "We went down to the rock." So our brother, in his work, with a few master strokes swept all difficulties out of his way and then he went down to bed rock and laid his arguments and then he commenced to build, and the result was his work was destined to stand, like the house built upon the rock.

He was noted for clearness. No one had to ask what was he trying to do; they could very easily see what he was doing and see when the work was done.

I knew Bro. Crittenden, and to know him was to love him. I was with him on different districts and was his Presiding Elder for three years. I have often shared his hospitality; his home was *the home* of Methodist preachers; his family always made them welcome and more than welcome.

After he supernumerated he still continued to preach, and often said to ministers when they came for him, "I am willing to use what little strength I have." He preached over a hundred sermons after he left the active work. Almost the last thing he said was, "Tell all I have been peaceful and happy all through my life."

He came to the Territory of Michigan a poor boy, but left a rich inheritance to his family—a name to be venerated, a reputation and character unspotted and unstained by the breath of suspicion.

This occasion speaks to all; to young men of the Conference,—the inheritance you are coming into is a desirable one; some speak lightly of the fathers and say they are old men. Yes, but they have grown old by faithful work. I find churches on my district and have asked, "Who built these?" I come to Conference and I find the builders with gray hairs and weak in body. Now, young men go to these churches, not to build, but to occupy. Farmers in Michigan now plough their soil and work it by machinery (and I am glad they can), but seldom, perhaps, think of the men that cleared their land and prepared for the machinery. We ride upon the cars (and I am glad we can), but how few of us think of the men that took down the hills and filled up the valleys and laid the track, or the man that keeps his eye on it and sounds the alarm for danger. If we do not forget the sacrifices of these fathers may we not think too lightly of their work? I remember when some of these passed by my father's door nearly fifty years ago. They went around swamps and forded streams. I know where some of them sleep their long, last sleep of death, and when I pass their graves I feel like lifting my hat and saying, "Hail, my brother, farewell!" The sacrifices and labors and tears and graves of these are all saying to-day to the Michigan Conference, "Be true, be men!"

Finally, we remark, this occasion speaks to the old men. I was looking over the minutes of the Conference only a few days ago and I found that of the men that composed the same when I joined it I could now count nearly all on the fingers of a single hand, and those of us that remain will soon be gone; our sun is declining, the shadows are lengthening, and eternity will soon dawn upon us. May God grant that, like Bro. Crittenden, we may all be able to say, we have had a happy life, and then we may expect a happy death. Then others will stand where I now stand and do for us what I am trying to do for our departed, beloved Bro. Crittenden. I knew him when living; I loved him; and gladly would I to day have done justice to him (were it possible).

September 14, 1886.

REV. A. J. VAN WYCK.

This devoted and cultured Christian Minister died in the Methodist Episcopal parsonage at Casnovia, Mich., Jan. 9, 1886, aged forty-nine years, nine months and thirteen days.

For many weeks, and even months, he struggled against the destroyer, and, especially in the latter part of his sickness, he endured most severe pain and suffering: yet all of this without one single word of murmur or impatience.

He did not, however, come to this final conflict without the most thorough preparation. He was completely armored, and when the hand of death was raised for the final thurst he could calmly sing—

"Death, with thy weapons of war, lay me low;
Strike, King of Terrors! I fear not thy blow."

In his death a wife and three daughters, now grown to young womanhood, have suffered a very severe bereavement; the Christian Ministry has lost another one of its valuable members, and the church has been deprived of another one of its most devoted servants. Such was the extreme modesty of this devoted servant of Christ, and such was his contempt for everything that looked like ostentation, that only those who came into the most intimate relations with him knew anything of his early advantages and the opportunities which he enjoyed for thorough intellectual culture.

By no word that ever dropped from his lips before the public was it known that he had been educated in one of the most renowned institutions of learning in this country. He was a felow-student with that brilliant scholar and eminent statesman, the lamented, martyred President, James A. Garfield, in Williams College.

Soon after his graduation he went to the city of Brooklyn, N. Y., and commenced and completed the study of law. And doubtless had he continued in legal practice he would have risen to a place of distinction and honor there. But God had laid out a different work before him. Up to this date he had made no profession of religion, though he had been reared after the strictest order of the Presbyterian faith, his parents belonging to that denomination. Curiosity led him into a Methodist class meeting, and through this agency he was powerfully convicted, and at last soundly converted to God, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. This changed the tenor of his thoughts and the plan of his life, for at once he felt the call to go and preach the gospel. Following the conviction which had now so fully fastened itself upon him, after about six months' of the law in the city of Brooklyn, he came to Michigan and at once commenced a preparation to enter upon the work of the Ministry. In 1857 he was admitted to the Michigan Conference, and from that time to the day of his death he honored the high position to which the Church of his choice had called him.

Such was the condition of his health that fourteen years of his ministerial life he felt obliged to spend in the local ranks, though during four of these years he did work under the Presiding Elder. The following is a list of the charges which he served, viz.: Ganges, one year; South Haven, one; Breedsville and Lawrence, one; Middleville, two; Second Street, Grand Rapids, one; Galesburg, one; Otsego, two; New Buffalo, one; Benton Harbor, one. Then came the fourteen years of location mentioned above.

He was re-admitted into the Conference in 1883, at Albion, and stationed at Newaygo one year; then was appointed to Casnovia, where, after another year and a quarter, he closed his earthly labors and entered upon eternal realities. He was scholarly, used polished and forceful language, and gave to the people the most vigorous thought, always accompanied with the unction of the Holy Ghost. He was no dull student of history, and always showed himself well up in its unfoldings. He was a careful investigator of all forms of truth, and ever seemed delighted with what he was able to gather from its boundless treasury. Above all he succeeded in working out, through the possibilities of Divine grace, a consolidated and well-rounded Christian character. Into that character entered humility, simplicity, thoughtfulness, sincerity, sympathy, devotion and faith. He was an able and efficient minister, conscientious, industrious, tender towards all his flock. He was a kind and loving husband and father, a true and valued friend. He died in peace. Earth has lost a noble man; heaven has crowned another saint.

REV. HENRY F. SPENCER.

Henry Fenton Spencer was born March 21, 1834, at Leyden, in the State of New York. He was converted at the age of 17 but made no public profession of religion until some years later, while attending the academy at Lowville, N. Y. At the latter place he united with the M. E. Church, and was there licensed to preach. In 1859 he entered the Concord Biblical Institute at Concord, N. H., from which he graduated in 1862. During the latter part of his senior year at Concord he supplied the pulpit of the State Street M. E. Church at Watertown, N. Y., pursuing his studies at the same time. He joined the Black River Conference in 1862, and was stationed at Watertown. April 23, 1863, he was married to Mary B. Weeks, who, with their only child, survives him. In 1863 he was appointed to Clayton, N. Y., where he remained three years, and was thence transferred to the Michigan Conference in the spring of 1866, from which time until the session of the Conference in the autumn of that year, he supplied the church at Lansing. His appointments in the Michigan Conference were, Lansing, 1866-7; Jackson, 1868-9-70; Division street, Grand Rapids, 1871-2-3; from 1874 to 1875 he rested. At the session of 1875 he was appointed to Kalamazoo, where he remained three years, and was then transferred to the Central New York Conference, and stationed at Elmira. He served as pastor of the churches at Elmira, Auburn and Ithaca, and as Presiding Elder of the Cazenovia district one year,—ill health compelling his retirement from the active work of the ministry in 1885. On the 28th day of November, A. D. 1885, he was transferred from the church militant to the church triumphant.

Bro. Spencer was a man whose Christian life and character were so well rounded and free from angles or manifest imperfections; so evenly and completely did he seem to fill his sphere and office as a Christian minister that it is difficult even to refer to any of his characteristics without seeming,—to those who knew him best,—to give them undue prominence. As a preacher he was earnest, persuasive, fervent. And he was truly and emphatically a preacher of the word. He did not derive the material for his sermons from profane history, either ancient or modern, from Shakespeare, from works of fiction, nor from the dissertations of philosophers, but from the Bible. The Eternal Voice which spake the countless worlds of the universe from naught, the sin, sorrow, and shame of "man's first disobedience," the sublime faith of Abraham, the romantic story of Joseph, Moses receiving the Law amid the thunders of the cloud-crested mountain, the valor of David, the holy melody of the Psalms, the Star of Bethlehem, the Sermon on the Mount, the words, work and death of Christ, the writings of Paul and the splendors of the Apocalypse; from materials such as these did he derive the clearly expressed ideas, fervent appeals and chaste and glowing imagery which characterized his sermons.

As a pastor he was faithful and efficient. His anxiety for the spiritual welfare of every member of his church was constant and unceasing. A tireless worker himself, he was no believer in a passive Christianity in others. Like the skillful leader of a host of volunteers, he had the faculty of so enlisting every member of his church in active Christian work as to leave no time nor room for bickering, jealousy or discord. The manner in which he conducted the weekly prayer-meeting made it rival the preaching service in attendance, interest and spiritual results.

In the management of the financial affairs of the churches under his care he showed marked ability. This edifice in which we are assembled, will, as long as it stands, be a monument to his genius in that direction.

Among those who were not members of his church, as well as among those who were, Bro. Spencer's social qualities were highly appreciated. He was almost universally and deservedly popular. This popularity he did not seek; it was the spontaneous tribute of his fellow-men to his worth as a man.

Were I asked to name the one element in his character as a man and as a minister of the gospel, which, in my judgment, included all the rest, I would unhesitatingly answer, "Love to God and love to his fellow-men." His life was one of constant obedience to the tender and touching, but authoritative saying of our Saviour to his disciples, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." Responding with all his soul to the love of God and the Lord Jesus, he loved his fellow-men with a love which so filled his heart as to leave within it no space for envy, jealousy or bitterness; a love which manifested itself in all his association with his brethren and with the world at large; a love that made his character appear to all to be so upright, manly and true. Doubtless he had his spiritual trials, temptations, weaknesses, failures; the storms which overcast all human skies at times swept over his soul; but, living in this atmosphere of holy love to God and love to man, his spiritual nature seemed to grow more and more refined, transparent and pure through all the years of of his busy, eventful and devoted life in this lower world; and, thanks to the divine revelation of the Holy One, who appeared to John on Patmos' rocky isle, our eyes, inspired by faith, look beyond the boundaries of time, beyond the inthrallments of space, and behold our departed brother, with robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb, before the eternal throne of God, serving him day and night, reigning in glory forever and ever.

GEO. M. BUCK.

REV. S. NELSON.

Rev. Stephen Nelson was born in Yarm, Yorkshire, England, February 7th, 1837.

He received a good English education and was then put to learn the painter's trade. In due time he became a skilled workman in his profession—an artist, indeed, in fresco painting and decorative art. In 1857 he married Mary J. Atkinson, by whom he had twelve children, four of whom preceded him to the better land; three in infancy, one in the bloom of young womanhood. Of the eight remaining, six are minors, and remain at home with their mother.

Bro. Nelson was converted at the age of 25; he was a stout sinner, but not too stout for the grace of God. When he was converted he knew it, and at once began to proclaim the wonders of redeeming love. Soon he was licensed to preach, and put on the circuit plan according to the old Wesleyan system.

In 1866 Bro. Nelson left England for Fergus, Canada, where his father was then living. Here he continued to labor as a local preacher, while supporting his family by his daily labor.

In 1873 the wants of a growing family, and the prospect of better wages, induced him to leave Canada and settle in Detroit. The Church soon recognized his ability and worth, and although still laboring to support his family, he was engaged for two years to supply a weak charge, by Rev. E. H. Pilcher, Presiding Elder of Detroit District.

Not satisfied with this, he preached on the streets and docks and other public places, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

In 1877 he moved to Charlotte, where he formed the acquaintance of Bro. Doust, who proved a most valuable friend. Soon he was recommended to Bro. Bangs, Presiding Elder of the Lansing District, and engaged as a supply for the Gresham charge (then Chester Centre). Here he labored two years under great difficulty, owing to inadequate support, but with unusual acceptability. His next appointment was Onondaga (now Winfield). At the close of his first year on this charge, he was recommended for the "traveling connexion"—and although his age, 43, and a large family dependent on him for support, were against him, his robust health and solid qualities secured for him a favorable vote, and the goal of his earthly ambition was won—he was a member of the Methodist Itinerancy. He continued at Onondaga the full term, doing royal service for both the temporal and spiritual affairs of the church. His next appointment was Ithaca, where again he spent the full term of three years.

Precious revivals attended his ministry on this charge from year to year. A new Church was built at Sickles, new appointments were taken up, and work attempted that three men could not well do. It was the strain of this constant overwork, and the shock of his daughter's unexpected death, that broke at once his spirit and his excellent health. He never fully rallied from the blow. He labored on as hard as ever, but it was labor from which there was no rebound. It produced a friction which soon wore the machinery out. An entire change of work and surroundings *might* have saved him.

Under the circumstances these seemed impracticable, so he went on with his work, and to his death.

The door of the grave seemed the only way of escape, and when it opened, he entered, without a tremor, assured of a glorious immortality. As he entered the dark portals he shouted, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith ; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

At 1 o'clock A. M., July 3d, he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

He had hoped to get better until the very last, but when the end came, he was neither surprised nor disappointed.

He called his children around the bed and had them all pray. As his daughter Mary prayed that God would give him grace for the dying hour if he was called away, he responded, "That is all right, Mary, no trouble about that."

His earthly remains were laid away in the cemetery at Ithaca beside those of his daughter Annie to await the resurrection of the just.

A brother has fallen in the ranks, and confided to our care his wife and children, God help us to be faithful to our trust!

CONSTITUTION

OF

P. S. F. S. OF MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE I.

The names of the persons associating in this Society, to be known and recognized as the Preachers' Savings Fund Society of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and adopted this 18th day of September, 1871, are to be found in the original Constitution of this Society, under the head of Article 1, which has undergone no change.

ARTICLE II.

This Society shall be called and known as the Preachers' Savings Fund Society of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall have its office, for the transaction of business, at Albion, Calhoun County, in the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE III.

This Society, or incorporation, shall exist for a period of thirty (30) years.

ARTICLE IV.

The objects of this Society shall be to hold or receive moneys, legacies, bequests, gifts, stocks, bonds, and any kind of securities or property, and hold the same for the benefit of the widows or children of deceased ministers or preachers, who shall be members of this Society, and who shall be members of the Michigan Annual Conference at the time of their decease.

It may also hold such money, or the above described property for the benefit of such living ministers, members of the Michigan Annual Conference and of this Society, as in the judgment of this Society, are in need of pecuniary aid: *Provided*, That no part of the funds of this Society shall be applied to the relief of any living minister, until his case has been brought before the Society, at its annual meeting: *Provided, further*, That whenever any member of this Society, who is also a member of the Michigan Annual Conference, shall be transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he may retain his membership in this Society by continuing to meet all of his obligations to it, while he continues a member in good standing in such Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: *Provided, further*, That preachers on trial, in the said Michigan Annual Conference, may be entitled to all the rights and benefits of this Society on the same conditions as members of the same Conference who are in full connection.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Trustees, who shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are elected. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees, and the President shall preside in the meetings of said Board, and of the Society also. All elections for officers shall be by ballot and by the Society, and all officers shall be elected at the annual meeting, except to fill vacancies, which shall be filled by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI.

This Society shall hold its annual meeting on the second day of the session of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in each year, at the place at which such Conference is held, and a majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such annual meeting.

ARTICE VII.—MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS.

SEC. 1. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of five (5) dollars, and singing these articles of association; and such membership may be continued from year to year by the payment of two (2) dollars annually, as dues to the Society.

SEC. 2. Any person may become a member for life, by the payment, at one time, of fifty (50) dollars, and such life member shall be exempt thereafter from the payment of the annual dues provided for in Section 1 of this Article.

SEC. 3. No person holding membership in this Society by the payment of yearly dues, shall be deemed a member of this Society, or be entitled to any of its benefits, or any of the rights and privileges of this Society, unless such annual payments are kept up. (See Amendment.)

ARTICLE VIII.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Trustees, and shall perform all of the duties belonging to his office, and such other duties as the By-Laws of the Society or the Board of Trustees shall direct, and in his absence these duties shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

ARTICLE IX.

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all the proceedings of the Society and the Board of Trustees, and cause the same to be recorded in a book provided for that purpose. He shall receive all moneys paid into this Society and enter the same in his record, with the sources from which they came; pay all moneys over to the Treasurer immediately, taking his receipt for the same.

ARTICLE X.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys or property belonging to the Society and shall hold the same subject to the order of the Board of Trustees. He shall report annually the state of the finances, and the condition of all property in his hands belonging to the Society, or oftener if the Board of Trustees shall so direct. He shall give a bond to the Society in a penal sum of at least double the amount in his hands belonging to the Society, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

ARTICLE XI.

SEC. 1. All money belonging to the Society, except so much as may be necessary to pay the usual running expenses and such appropriations as the Board of Trustees may order, according to these articles, shall be funded under the direction of the Board of Trustees and said Board shall have charge of all lands, tenements, stocks, bonds, mortgages, securities, or effects of every nature whatsoever. and shall invest the same, and cause them to be paid over for the purposes of the Society. *Provided*, That the interest or the profits only shall be used forever, except also such special assessments as are provided for in Article 12, of these Articles of Association. *Provided*, further, That at the expiration of the time for which this Society is organized; it shall have power to dispose of all funds and securities of every nature, in such manner as it shall judge proper.

SEC. 2. The Trustees shall have no power to pay out money in violation of Article 4 of these Articles of Association.

ARTICLE XII.

SEC. 1. Whenever any member of this Association, who is also a member in good standing in the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or having been transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Church while holding membership in this Association, shall die, and being at the time of his decease in good standing in this Society and the Conference to which he belongs, the Trustees shall cause to be paid to his widow, or if he leave no widow, then to the children of said deceased minister, the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars: *Provided*, That said deceased minister has paid into the Society's fund at least the sum of fifty (50) dollars: but if the whole amount paid into the funds of the Society shall not amount to fifty (50) dollars, by such deceased minister, as above stated, then the Trustees shall deduct from the one thousand dollars to be paid to the widow or children of said deceased minister, as provided for in Section 1 of this Article, such sum as will, when added to the sum of payments of said deceased minister, make the sum of fifty (50) dollars as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. The payment provided for in Section 1 of this Article shall be paid at the next session of the Michigan Annual Conference succeeding the death of such deceased minister.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of this society, whenever a death, as stated in Section 1 of this Article, shall occur, to meet as soon thereafter as possible and proceed to estimate the amount which will be in the hands of the Treasurer at the next ensuing session of the Michigan Annual Conference, arising from interest or profits of the invested funds; also the probable amount arising from the annual dues of the membership; and they shall set apart three-fourths (¾) of such annual payments to apply on the one thousand (1000) dollars provided for in Section 1 of this Article; also such interest or profits as arise from the invested funds, and then they shall assess the balance necessary to make up the balance of one thousand (1,000) dollars upon the members of the Society, each member being assessed in a sum equal to every other member.

SEC. 4. Upon the death of a member it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of his assessment by sending him a written or printed statement or notice of the amount assessed against him, and request the payment of the same, within thirty days from date of said notice, and if the assessment or assessments are not paid by the next session of the Society, at its annual meeting, the name of the member or members so refusing or neglecting to pay shall be stricken from the roll of the Society, and all moneys which the said members have paid into the Society shall be forfeited to its use. *Provided*, that no member of the society thus forfeiting his membership by non-payment of assessments shall be entitled to any benefits from the Society until all assessments and dues are paid; and if death occurs during such delinquency all claims of such persons shall be forfeited. (See Amendment.)

ARTICLE XIII.

This Society shall hold the money belonging to the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased ministers of said Conference, commonly known as the Parkhurst Fund, and the Treasurer shall report annually, and oftener if called upon by the Trustees or the President to do so, the state of this fund. The

Society shall report annually to the Michigan Annual Conference, and pay over the interest which has accrued on said fund at each session of said Conference, and the order of said Conference, attested by its Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for the payment such interest.

ARTICLE XIV.

All gifts, legacies or bequests which shall be made to the Society or placed in its keeping shall be sacredly kept, held and disbursed, according to the terms or conditions of said gifts, legacies or bequests; and neither the Trustees nor the Society shall have any power to divert either the principal or the interest, or any part thereof, from the purposes designed by the donor or donors of said legacies or bequests.

ARTICLE XV.

The Articles of this Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a majority vote of all the members of the Society.

AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. Any person having paid ten (10) dollars into the Treasury of the Society may be elected to membership in the Society, at an annual meeting, by a majority vote, and such may thereafter be continued by the payment of two (2) dollars annually, and such assessments as may, from time to time, be made upon him.

SEC. 2. Each member of this Society shall pay annually the sum of eight dollars in addition to the two dollars hitherto required. This shall be construed to be a reserve fund to be drawn upon whenever in any year the claims from deaths shall exceed that amount.

ARTICLE XII.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall notify each member of the amount of his assessments, and a failure to pay the same by the member so notified, by or before the next annual session of the Society, shall, in the discretion of the society, be deemed to have worked a forfeiture of membership and of any and every interest of such delinquent in the Society, or of its properties and benefits.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

The asterisk signifies membership in the Preachers' Savings Fund Society. All these post-offices are in Michigan unless otherwise indicated.

*Aldrich, W. J., Muskegon.
Ambrose, J. C., Mancelona.
Armstrong, E. V., Mendon.
Arney, J. W., Springport.

*Bacon, E. D., Grandville.
*Ball, D. O., Potterville.
*Bangs, F. B., Eaton Rapids.
*Bargelt, H. S., Galesburg.
*Barnes, D. F., Kalamazoo.
*Barnes, G. S., Jackson.
*Barnhart, C. L., Albion.
*Barrett, W., Kalamazoo.
Bass, W. A., Augusta.
Bathrick, L., Otter Lake.
Beach, A. C., Remick.
*Beach, John C., Pentwater.
Bell, F. I.
*Bennett, I., Quincy.
*Bennett, L. M., Ann Arbor.
Berry, J., Battle Creek.
*Bowen, J. R., Freeport.
*Bray, N. L., Sturgis.
*Bready, R. H., Eaton Rapids.
*Bready, J. A., Austin, Nev.
*Brockway, W. H., Albion.
*Brockway, N. L., Johnsville.
Bruce, D. G., Prairieville.
*Buell, J. I., Grand Rapids.
*Buell, G. A., Bangor.
Buell, J. W., Vandalia.
Burns, A. W., Keene.

*Calkins, L. W., Martin.
Callen, M. M., Lansing.
*Carlisle, J W H, Grand Rapids
*Carrel, M. D., Hillsdale.
Cawthorne, J. W., Millbrook.
Chapin, G. W., Fostoria.
*Chick, Chas., Montague.
*Clark, Thomas, Moline.
*Clubine, J., Centreville.
*Cogshall, W. I., Niles.
*Colby, W. M., Marshall.
*Cole, G. L., St. Joseph.
*Cooley, E., Marengo.
*Coplin, W. M., Parma.
Cox, Thos., Concord.
*Crawford, R. C., Grand Rapids
Cronk, D., Coopersville.
Crozier, J. G., Newaygo.

*Daniels, G., Ludington.
*Dawkins, C. C., Athens.
*Day, E. H., Oshtemo.
Davids, J. W., Lowell.
Dayton, J. N., Wayland.
DeLaMarter, L., Mason.
*Denman, W., Jonesville.
DesJardins, P., 70 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, Mass.
*Donaldson, Geo., Parkville.
Dissette, E. H., Nashville.
*Draper, G. C., Ovid.
*Draper, Jas., Mears.
*Dunton, A. A.

*Earle, L. W., Benton Harbor.
*Edmonds, L. M., Tekonsha.
*Eldred, A. J., Cadillac.
*Eldred, A. N., Litchfield.
*Elliot, G. C., Cassopolis.
*Engle, D., Coldwater.

*Ferguson, A. T., Otsego.
*Fisher, C. H., Cooper.
*Fitch, A. M., Albion.
*Floyd, J. C., Big Rapids.
Force, J. P.
Fow, D. W., Banfield.
Fox, C. S., Charlevoix.
Freeman, F. J., Sherman.
French, W. P., Richland.
Frye, W. A., Berlin.

*Garlick, L. M., Woodland.
*Gardner, W., Jackson.
*George, T. T., Cedar Springs.
Gillett, A. H., Wyoming, O.
*Glass, F., Grand Rapids.
*Golden, O. J., Elk Rapids.
*Gosling, G. W., Keelersville.
*Gould, A. M., Kalamazoo.
*Graham, J., Grand Rapids.
Green, D. A., Bellaire.
Griffith, A. M., Grandville.
Grosenbaugh, L., Greenville.
*Gulick, J., Edmore.
*Griffin, L. J., Albion.

Haight, G. L., Mt. Pleasant.
*Hallenbeck, J. W., Portland.
*Hamilton, Jas., Lansing.
*Hamilton, S. L., Buchanan.
*Hansom, W., White Hall.
*Harder, J. S., Nashville.
Hartley, J. J., Evanston, Ill.
*Hathaway, W. J., Berrien Springs.
*Hawley, H. R., Luther.
*Haviland, D. S.
*Heath, W., Williamsburg.
Henderson, H. P., Albion.
*Hewitt, S. P., Fife Lake.
Hickey, G. S., Battle Creek.
Hicks, G. S.
Hill, T. J., Boyne City.
*Hills, J., Elm Hall.
*Hoag, G. W., Grand Rapids.
Holding, C. B., Paris, Ill.
*Hollister, G. C., Casenovia.
*Hollowell, J. W., Beaver Lake.
*Hopkins, J. H., Ypsilanti.
*Horner, J. W., Byron Center.
*Howe, C. H., Julian, Dak.
Howe, G. W., Frankfort.
Hoyt, John.
*Hunsberger, A., Allen.
*Hunsberger, W. A., Coldwater.
Hunt, H. B., Vicksburg.

*Iddings, J. T., Charlevoix.

*Jacokes, T. H., Lyons.
*Jacokes, C. A., Ithaca.
*Janes, F. N., Palo.
Johnson, W. W., Grand Rapids.
*Jordan, H. D., Holland.
*Jones, C. W., Reading.
*Judd, Wm., Lakeview.

*Kellogg, E. L., Quincy.
Ketchum, A. E., South Haven.
Keillor, A. R., Saranac.
King, E. H., Carson City.
*Kitzmiller, S.
*Klose, J., White Pigeon.
*Knappen, A. A., Albion.
Knott, J. B., Hastings.
Kulp, G. B., South Haven.

Latham, D. R., Macon, Mo.
*Lamport, W. W., Hartford.
*Lee, Geo. D., Hastings.
Lennox, L. E., North Adams.
Loomis, M. F., Mosherville.
Lyon, Thos., Homer.
*Lumber, E. T., Kalamazoo.

*Marble, E.
*Marsh, N. D., Albion.
*Marzolf, J., Colon.
*Mason, U., Lawton.
*Master, L., Ionia.
*Matthews, L. S., Edwardsburg.
*Maveety, P. J., Homer.
Maybee, W. J., Schoolcraft.
*McAllister, J. J., Stanton.
McAllister, J W, Eaton Rapids
McGregor, Robt. S., Shepardsville.
*McKee, S. D., Climax.
*Mechesney, E. S., Allegan.
*Merritt, S. M., Coldwater.
Middleton, R. N., Kalkaska.
*Miller, J. W., Manistee.
*Mills, B. S.
Morgan, H., Grand Rapids.
*Moors, A. P., Ionia.
*Mount, G. L., Elsie.
Mosher, W. P., Liberty.

*Newell, E. F., Howard City.
Newton, A. D., St. Johns.

Odin, J. R., Lawrence.
*Odlum, G. A., Bellevue.
*Olds, C. C., Lansing.
*Orwick, J. F., Union City.

*Paddock, W. M., Monroe Center.
*Paddock, O. S., Bloomingdale.
Paddock, B. E., Vermontville.
Parsons, W. H., Bronson.
*Parsons, D. W., Hanover.
Patterson, E. B., New Buffalo.
*Pengelly, R., Kalamazoo.
Perry, O. H., Lacota.
*Pitezel, J. H., Three Rivers.
*Potts, J. H., Detroit.
Potter, A., Albion.
*Pratt, B. S., Grand Ledge.
*Prouty, W., Marcellus.
Puffer, W. M., Grand Rapids.

Rawlinson, J. W., Spring Lake.
Reid, J. W., Three Rivers.
*Reid, J. M., 805 Broadway, N. Y.
*Richards, J. H., South Haven.
*Riehl, D. C., St. Louis.
*Riley, W., Marshall.
*Riley, Thos., Lansing.
Robe, J. T., Kalamazoo.
*Roberts, Jas., Fremont.
Robinson, J. M., Wayne.
*Rolfe, A. A.
Robinson, G. S., South Arm.
*Rork, W. W., Grand Haven.

*Sherman, G. W., Petoskey.
Shire, R., Monterey.
*Shorts, R., Traverse City.
Skinner, I. H., Long Pine, Neb.
Sly, W. S., Grand Rapids.
Smith, B. W., Bijou Hills, Dak.
*Smith, M. W. F., Evart.
*Smith, C. W., Clare.
Smith, J. M., Lake City.
*Sprague, J. A., Grand Rapids.
*Stark, J. K., Reed City.
Steffe, J. W., Winfield.
*Steele, S., Charlevoix.
*Steele, N. M., Hart.
*Stevens, E. G., Wakeshma.
*Stinchcomb, W. R., Traverse City.
*Strickland, S. C., Constantine.
*Swift, W. J., Bath.

Taft, H. S., Montague.
*Tallman, I. B., Maple Rapids.
*Tanner, J. H., Paw Paw.
Tanner, E. A., Plainwell.
*Taylor, I., Coloma.
Tench, E., Dayton.
*Thompson, W. H., Charlotte.
*Thomas, C. G., Dowagiac.
*Thomas, J. H., East Springport.
Tilden, W. L., Pentwater.
*Tuthill, G. W., Leslie.

*Valentine, J. S., Shelby.
*VanAntwerp, C. T.
*VanDeWalker, F. A., Orleans.
*VanHorn, G. A., Plainwell.
Varion, Geo., Rockford.

*Wakefield, A., Middleville.
*Ward, D. M., Royal Oak.
*Watkins, O. D., Fennville.
*Webster, J., Battle Creek.
*Welch, R. C., Albion.
*Weyant, J. A., Danby.
*Wheeler, A. J., Sparta.
*White, J., Decatur.
*White, J. E., Middleville.
White, J. W., Bowne.
*Whitman, B. H., Norwood.
*Whitwam, E. A. Lebanon, Ill.
*Wightman, I. R. A., Niles.
Wightman, O. E., Ionia.
Wilkinson, R. C., Ann Arbor.
*Wilson, I., Pokagon.

Woodard, D. C., Hubbardston.
Woodard, S. C.
Wygle, E.

*Young, E. D., Kinderhook.
Young, Thos., Breckenridge.
*Younglove, W. N., Morley.

PROBATIONERS.

Bliss, F. F., Gresham.
*Bushee, A. W., Spencer Creek.

Chamberlain, H C, Eau Claire.
Chase, J. C., Kendall.
Clancy, J., Jackson.
Craig, A. E., Evanston, Ill.

Douglass, W. J., Stevensville.

Ellsworth, D. F., Cadillac.

Floody, R. J., Olivet.

Hart, A. F., Alma.

Kenyon, L. B.
Killean, Geo., Millbrook.

Lockhart, G. H., Salt River.

Matthews, G. E., Freesoil.
Miner, M. M., Wacousta.
Muffitt, W. C., Osseo.

Nagler, A. G., Sheridan.
Nicholson, T., Girard.
North, A. E., Okemos.

Scott, Ira A., Sanford.
Smith, A. G., Pierson.
Stewart, A. K., Albion.
Sturgis, A. H., Eagle.

Theobald, C. H., Chase.
Tiney. S. C., Gladwin.
Tindall, R. W., South Frankfort.
Tindall, Thos., Norwich.
Thomas, D. L., Albion.
Thompson, F. L., Big Rapids.

Urch, W. H. B., Hersey.

Wright, R. A., Coleman.

The following persons, not members of this Conference, are members of the P. S. F. S.: A. H. Gamble, T. F. Hildreth, M. A. Daugherty, H. M. Joy, S. J. McElwee, F. L. McCoy, J. W. Moon, L. H. Pearce, S. P. Warner, and E. Wilkinson.

SESSIONS OF THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

From its Organization to the Present Time.

TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
Sept. 7, 1836	Mansfield, Ohio	J. Soule	H. O. Sheldon.
Sept. 6, 1837	Detroit, Mich	R. R. Roberts	Edward Thomson.
Sept. 5, 1838	Tiffin, Ohio	Beverly Waugh	Edward Thomson.
Sept. 4, 1839	Ann Arbor, Mich	J. Soule	Edward Thomson.
Aug. 19, 1840	Marshall, Mich	E. Hedding	H. Colclazer.
Sept. 15, 1841	White Pigeon, Mich	R. R. Roberts	H. Colclazer.
Aug. 17, 1842	Adrian, Mich	T. A. Morris	H. Colclazer.
Aug. 16, 1843	Ann Arbor, Mich	J. Soule	J. S. Harrison.
Oct. 2, 1844	Coldwater, Mich	L. L. Hamlin	H. Colclazer.
Sept. 10, 1845	Detroit, Mich	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer.
Sept. 23, 1846	Marshall, Mich	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer.
Sept. 15, 1847	Ypsilanti, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 6, 1848	Kalamazoo, Mich	E. S. Janes	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 5, 1849	Adrian, Mich	L. L. Hamlin	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 4, 1850	Albion, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 3, 1851	Monroe, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 15, 1852	Niles, Mich	Levi Scott	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 14, 1853	Detroit, Mich	Beverly Waugh	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 13, 1854	Ann Arbor, Mich	O. C. Baker	T. C. Gardner.
Sept. 5, 1855	Flint, Mich	E. R. Ames	T. C. Gardner.
Oct. 1, 1856	Coldwater, Mich	T. A. Morris	R. C. Crawford.
Sept 16, 1857	Lansing, Mich	Beverly Waugh	R. C. Crawford.
Sept. 15, 1858	Kalamazoo, Mich	E. R. Ames	R. C. Crawford.
Sept. 14, 1859	Marshall, Mich	E. S. Janes	R. C. Crawford.
Sept. 27, 1860	Ionia, Mich	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex.
Oct 2, 1861	Battle Creek, Mich	E. R. Ames	T. H. Sinex.
Oct. 1, 1862	Grand Rapids, Mich	L. Scott	T. H. Sinex.
Sept 23, 1863	Jackson, Mich	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex.
Sept. 28, 1864	Niles, Mich	O. C. Baker	J. W. Robinson.
Sept. 13, 1865	Albion, Mich	E. R. Ames	L R. Fisk.
Sept. 6, 1866	Hillsdale, Mich	M. Simpson	A. A. Dunton.
Sept. 11, 1867	Lansing, Mich	D. W. Clark	M. B. Camburn.
Sept. 3, 1868	Three Rivers, Mich	E. R. Ames	M. B. Camburn.
Sept. 15, 1869	Grand Rapids, Mich	L. Scott	M. B. Camburn.
Aug. 31, 1870	Coldwater, Mich	D. W. Clark	M. B. Camburn.
Sept. 13, 1871	St. Joseph, Mich	E. S. Janes	M. B. Camburn.
Sept. 18, 1872	Jackson, Mich	E. R. Ames	J. I. Buell.
Sept. 10, 1873	Ionia, Mich	I. W. Wiley	J. I. Buell.
Sept. 9, 1874	Kalamazoo, Mich	M. Simpson	G. B. Jocelyn.
Sept. 8, 1875	Battle Creek, Mich	L. Scott	G. B. Jocelyn.
Sept. 13, 1876	Niles, Mich.	G. Haven	G. B. Jocelyn.
Sept. 5, 1877	Grand Rapids	S. M. Merrill	A. R. Boggs.
Sept. 4, 1878	Three Rivers, Mich	J. T. Peck	A. R. Boggs.
Sept. 10, 1879	Ionia, Mich	R. S. Foster	H. M. Joy.
Sept. 15, 1880	Muskegon, Mich	T. Bowman	H. M. Joy.
Aug. 31, 1881	Jackson, Mich	R. S. Foster	H. M. Joy.
Sept. 6, 1882	Coldwater, Mich	E G. Andrews	W. I. Cogshall.
Sept. 5, 1883	Albion, Mich	W. L. Harris	W. I. Cogshall.
Sept. 10, 1884	Lansing, Mich	W. X. Ninde	W. I. Cogshall.
Sept. 21, 1885	Grand Rapids, Mich	H. W. Warren	W. I. Cogshall.
Sept. 15, 1886	Kalamazoo, Mich	J. F. Hurst	W. I. Cogshall.

OUR PROMOTED BROTHERS.

Dan Barnes, died Sept. 8, 1840.
Shadrach Ruark, May 17, 1846.
Jonathan E. Champlin, Sept 15, '46.
Thomas Fox, Aug. 30, 1847.
Allen Staples, Oct. 21, 1847.
G. J. Shurtleff, Feb. 28, 1849.
Josiah Brakeman, July 19, 1849.
Octavius Mason, Oct. 5, 1850.
Geo. King, Oct. 27, 1850.
Jno. Ercanbrack, May 7, 1852.
Judson D. Collins, May 12, 1852.
Lee McQuigg, Oct. 15, 1853.
Nelson Barnum, Aug. 5, 1854.
Clark T. Hinman, Oct. 21, 1854.
Ransom Goodell, Aug. 8, 1855.
J. J. Whitmore, Aug. 12, 1855.
Seth B. Finch, March 6, 1857.
Geo. Bignell, Dec. 31, 1858.
Jno. K. Gillet, June 27, 1860.
Newland Cleveland, in army, date not found.
Samuel A. Osborn, May 14, 1862.
Wm. C. Comfort, June 15, 1862.
Amos Benson, Jan. 16, 1863.
Oscar F. Chase, Oct. 17, 1863.
Washington I. Blowers, in army, date not found.
Peter Greensky, April 8, 1866.
Hiram Law, Sept. 9, 1866.
Joseph Jennings, May 23, 1867.
Elijah Crane, April 23, 1868.
A. L. Hoag, Dec. 4, 1869.
David Thomas, Jan. 11, 1870.
Wm. Hott, a probationer, Sept. 26, 1870.
Geo. Bradley, April, 15, 1871.
M. B. Camburn, Oct. 17, 1871.
Wm. McKnight, March 28, 1872.
Wm. Ford, Oct. 21, 1872.
Jesse E. McAllister, Dec. 14, 1872.
Edgar Beard, March 4, 1873.
Rezin Sapp, May 5, 1873.
J. L. Child, Sept. 10, 1873.
L. C. Austin, Dec. 24, 1873.
G. L. Gilbert, Sept. 2, 1874.
Wilson Gray, Dec. 17, 1874.
Benj. Sabin, Feb. 17, 1875.
J. E. Bayliss. a probationer. Oct. 5, 1875.
Nathan Mount, Feb. 8, 1876.
L. Chatfield, date not found.
Geo. B. Jocelyn, Jan. 27, 1877.
Henry Penfield, January 19, 1877.
James Hulin, May 9, 1877.
David Burns, July 28, 1877.
Joseph Jones. date not found, 1877.
Fred M. Deitz. Sept. 11. 1877.
Gilbert A. Phillips. Nov. 7, 1877.
Samuel S. Wilson, Jan. 18. 1878.
Thomas Cleghorne. Feb. 24. 1878.
Israel Cogshall, April 7, 1879.
Benj F. Doughty, June 8, 1879.
W. F. Jenkins, date not found, '79.
Moss I. Smith, Oct. 22, 1880.
Wm. M. Ball, Jan. 8, 1881.
Jas. W. Robinson, Jan. 13, 1881.
Wm. H. Perrine. Jan. 22. 1881.
E. C. Chambers, March 11, 1881.
Henry Worthington, July 10, 1881.
Otis L. Gibson, Nov. 14, 1881.
D. D. Gillet, May 6, 1882.
A. T. Gray, May 17, 1882.
Alvin Billings, July 6, 1882.
Wm. Bronson, Feb. 22, 1883.
Joseph Greensted, June 5, 1883.
Jeremy Boynton, September, 1883.
W. E. Newlon, date not given, 1883.
V. G. Boynton, Oct. 12, 1883.
F. D. Hemenway, date not given.
Thomas J. Congdon, Feb. 5, 1884.
Horace Hall, March 14, 1884.
W. W. Elder, May 11, 1884.
Wm. Doust, May 20, 1885.
W. S. Foster, Aug. 31, 1885.
A. L. Crittenden, Oct. 21, 1885.
N. Fassett, Nov. 7, 1885.
F. Gage, Jan. 1, 1886.
A. J. Van Wyck, Jan. 9, 1886.
S. Nelson, July 3, 1886.
Henry M. Joy, Sept. 30, 1886.

D. C. RIEHL, Statistical Secretary, Saint Louis, Mich.

Statistics for Albion District, Michigan Conference, for 1886.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Minister'l Support.		
																		Missions.													
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Albion	66	602	12	5	3	32	1	10000	----	----	----	----	----	452	1	29	300	219	81	300	32	10	6	31	13	6	93	136	1692	131	14
Battle Creek	25	484	3	3	----	25	1	25000	1	2000	----	----	----	600	1	32	285	230	30	260	26	6	3	43	14	8	149	53	1779	121	30
Bellevue	55	221	----	3	1	38	2	5000	1	1000	50	----	----	90	2	41	266	104	16	120	22	4	2	22	14	6	----	20	1036	72	80
Concord	10	128	1	----	2	----	3	6000	1	1000	66	----	----	110	2	32	130	45	10	55	10	1	1	10	4	2	----	4	841	25	----
Hanover and Moscow	1	144	2	1	----	5	2	8000	1	700	165	278	83	150	2	26	170	56	4	60	5	2	2	5	7	1	35	3	1070	35	3
Homer	39	243	1	5	5	34	1	13500	1	1500	25	----	----	250	1	26	304	9	117	126	3	1	1	114	10	1	37	20	1073	30	----
Jackson, Cooper St	----	(68)	(1)	----	----	----	(1)	(3500)	----	----	----	----	(100)	----	(1)	(22)	(165)	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	(630)	----	----
" First Church	21	562	1	3	8	15	1	65000	----	----	1488	----	----	1097	1	53	480	118	182	300	40	10	5	40	10	10	116	220	2170	160	----
" Haven "	11	125	----	3	5	4	1	2700	----	----	----	239	1388	110	1	23	260	24	----	24	3	1	1	3	12	1	27	35	576	26	35
Leroy	3	102	----	4	----	1	2	5000	1	500	----	----	----	40	3	24	144	49	6	55	15	1	1	15	4	1	11	20	552	25	----
Leslie	16	161	2	2	1	2	1	4000	----	----	402	----	130	71	2	27	140	37	13	50	1	1	1	1	5	1	13	----	782	10	----
Liberty	18	121	----	1	5	12	2	4800	1	500	100	----	----	100	2	27	196	40	10	50	2	1	1	2	11	1	53	10	759	27	7
Litchfield	5	136	----	3	13	13	2	4000	1	1800	131	----	----	125	2	27	148	24	4	28	5	2	1	5	7	2	----	17	660	18	----
Marengo	3	100	----	2	3	1	1	2500	1	1000	18	----	----	100	3	21	145	41	24	65	12	3	2	14	3	3	33	----	764	31	----
Marshall	19	180	1	1	2	16	1	12000	1	1000	25	----	----	208	1	22	140	36	6	42	5	2	1	11	9	2	50	----	781	14	----
Mosierville	20	93	1	----	3	14	2	3300	1	600	300	----	----	100	6	64	328	44	----	44	9	2	1	9	3	3	----	8	732	21	17
Olivet & Partello	13	80	1	2	----	6	1	4000	1	1000	----	----	----	50	1	10	35	24	----	24	4	1	1	4	1	1	----	----	524	10	----
Parma	9	145	----	2	3	14	2	10000	1	2000	300	----	----	125	2	24	130	64	5	69	10	2	1	10	14	3	23	6	962	30	----
Penfield	15	185	----	4	3	2	1	1800	----	----	----	----	----	25	5	54	325	49	41	90	2	2	1	2	12	----	39	20	787	54	3
Springport	----	45	----	1	----	----	1	1500	1	1000	----	----	----	50	1	8	30	8	2	10	2	1	----	1	1	----	----	----	414	5	1
Tekonsha	15	139	2	----	2	7	2	5500	1	1500	150	----	----	80	2	23	210	44	6	50	8	3	1	8	7	2	32	5	805	24	3
Winfield	38	122	1	3	2	31	3	4300	1	600	----	----	300	75	2	21	130	42	6	48	9	2	1	9	8	3	61	8	596	32	4
Total	402	4186	29	48	61	272	34	201400	16	17700	3220	517	2001	8008	44	646	4461	1307	563	1870	225	58	34	359	169	57	772	585	19985	901	197

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Albion	C. L. Barnhart	1573	1500	73	150	150	42	42	131	131
Battle Creek	G. S. Hickey	1600	1600	------	140	140	39	39	121	121
Bellevue	G. A. Odlum	950	950	------	70	70	16	16	50	72
Concord	E. D. Bacon	775	775	------	60	60	11	6	34	25
Hanover and Moscow	F. L. Thompson	1000	1000	------	60	60	14	10	43	35
Homer	P. J. Maveety	925	1000	------	60	60	17	13	54	30
Jackson, Cooper St	J. J. Hartley	(600)	(600)	------	(30)	(30)	------	------	------	------
" First Church	W. Gardner	2000	2000	------	140	140	43	30	160	160
" Haven "	G. S. Barnes	700	555	145	20	20	5	1	25	26
Leroy	John Hoyt	600	496	104	50	48	8	8	25	25
Leslie	G. W. Tuthill	784	734	50	55	47	------	1	------	10
Liberty	W. P. Mosher	700	700	------	55	55	8	4	27	27
Litchfield	W. M. Coplin	720	615	85	45	40	11	5	34	18
Marengo	Wm. Prouty	800	710	90	50	44	10	10	31	31
Marshall	E. Cooley	725	725	------	44	51	14	5	42	14
Mosherville	M. F. Loomis	675	681	------	45	45	6	6	21	21
Olivet and Partello	D. L. Thomas	500	500	------	20	20	6	4	14	10
Parma	W. M. Colby	900	900	------	54	54	11	8	34	30
Penfield	James Webster	700	720	------	50	50	17	17	54	54
Springport	N. P. Henderson	700	382	318	36	31	4	1	13	5
Tekonsha	L. M. Edmonds	760	760	------	40	40	8	5	27	24
Winfield	J. W. Steffe	575	550	25	40	40	6	6	20	32
	Total	18262	18453	890	1314	1295	296	237	960	901

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																		Missions.													
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Allen	8	133	---	4	2	6	1	10000	1	800	----	----	----	90	1	12	68	33	----	33	2	1	---	2	1	----	----	----	700	18	------
Athens	4	62	---	2	1	2	3	3000	--	------	200	----	----	----	3	31	152	25	----	25	3	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	442	2	------
Bronson	24	120	1	4	1	1	2	5600	1	800	800	100	----	75	2	21	190	28	2	30	4	----	2	2	2	----	----	----	660	15	27
Burlington	29	58	---	2	1	2	2	4000	--	------	----	----	----	25	1	8	35	20	----	20	3	1	1	3	6	1	----	----	552	18	2
Burr Oak	4	110	2	3	---	---	1	5000	--	------	25	30	10	65	4	28	170	10	----	10	----	1	---	----	----	----	11	----	466	9	------
Butler	6	114	2	1	---	---	1	1000	1	800	12	500	----	----	5	46	220	48	4	52	6	1	1	5	2	1	----	----	628	13	------
Cambria	3	76	1	1	---	---	2	5500	1	600	90	----	260	50	3	10	130	23	4	27	2	----	---	1	1	----	30	----	566	10	------
Camden	33	125	1	2	---	21	2	4400	--	------	100	----	----	62	3	27	197	47	4	51	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	524	19	4
Centerville	6	163	3	2	---	40	1	5000	1	1000	100	----	----	160	2	26	189	40	6	46	4	1	1	2	3	----	64	----	773	13	------
Coldwater	22	421	2	6	5	18	1	20000	--	------	25	----	----	700	1	35	269	99	77	176	36	7	4	36	15	5	122	----	1660	81	7
Colon	55	100	1	2	1	17	2	6300	--	------	----	---	268	40	3	36	198	30	----	30	4	3	1	5	5	2	----	----	624	13	75
Constantine	47	175	2	2	---	30	2	15000	1	1000	50	----	550	140	2	30	134	63	12	75	2	----	---	3	7	----	32	----	765	15	100
Gilead	---	55	---	1	---	---	1	1000	1	500	----	----	----	25	--	----	----	12	----	12	----	----	---	4	----	2	38	----	374	15	------
Girard	46	160	---	1	---	36	1	5000	1	1000	----	100	----	80	4	44	225	25	5	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	----	752	15	------
Hillsdale	16	231	3	4	---	28	1	12000	1	2500	150	----	----	259	1	30	317	53	17	70	5	2	1	4	4	----	27	----	1072	16	------
Jonesville	5	121	2	1	2	3	2	6500	--	------	119	----	----	101	2	33	106	30	4	34	3	1	1	4	----	1	4	----	755	10	2
Kinderhook	8	93	1	1	---	---	1	2800	1	800	38	50	150	35	1	12	70	26	4	30	2	1	1	1	3	1	----	9	577	5	2
North Adams	39	310	1	3	---	59	3	9000	1	1600	50	----	----	175	2	38	265	79	21	100	18	4	2	18	2	3	45	----	995	50	7
Osseo	4	67	---	2	1	---	2	4000	1	700	----	----	250	50	2	15	100	10	----	10	----	----	---	----	1	----	3	----	403	6	------
Quincy	40	229	2	6	1	19	2	9000	--	------	----	----	----	218	2	32	204	67	20	87	12	4	2	13	14	5	125	67	997	34	------
Ransom	28	132	1	3	---	4	3	3500	1	600	200	----	---	100	4	37	278	30	----	30	3	1	---	4	----	1	23	----	553	6	18
Reading	6	86	---	1	---	6	1	2000	1	1000	25	----	75	50	1	16	85	15	5	20	7	2	2	7	3	3	----	----	553	17	------
Sturgis	40	183	1	--	---	20	1	8500	1	1500	150	275	----	200	1	16	160	58	22	80	12	2	2	12	6	2	31	----	1060	50	5
Union City	11	164	1	1	---	10	1	14000	1	1500	30	----	----	190	1	21	200	55	5	60	10	1	1	25	2	1	10	----	985	20	------
White Pigeon	2	117	1	1	---	8	2	4000	1	1500	300	----	----	95	2	12	95	35	5	40	6	1	2	12	6	1	37	----	840	13	7
Total	486	3605	28	56	15	330	41	166100	17	18200	2464	1055	1563	2985	53	616	4057	961	217	1178	147	36	26	166	87	31	633	77	18276	483	256

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		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Allen	O. S. Paddock	650	650	......	47	47	8	3	32	18
Athens	S. George	450	400	50	40	40	......	2	......	2
Bronson	W. H. Parsons	600	600	......	56	56	12	4	38	15
Burlington	N. D. Marsh	800	500	300	48	48	10	4	33	18
Burr Oak	I. E. Crites	500	425	75	42	39	7	2	27	9
Butler	J. R. Skinner	575	575	......	48	48	10	5	34	13
Cambria	Edwin Tench	560	525	35	42	38	9	3	29	10
Camden	Thos. Nicholson	500	480	20	40	40	6	4	27	19
Centerville	John Clubine	700	700	......	68	68	12	5	......	13
Coldwater	H. M. Joy	1500	1500	......	135	135	28	25	92	81
Colon	Jacob Marzolf	575	575	......	47	45	10	4	32	13
Constantine	S. C. Strickland	800	700	100	65	61	......	4	46	15
Gilead	E. Hunt	350	350	......	24	24	5	......	16	15
Girard	C. W. Jones	675	675	......	64	64	13	13	44	15
Hillsdale	M. D. Carrel	1000	1000	......	67	67	......	5	......	16
Jonesville	Wm. Denman	700	700	......	49	49	10	6	34	10
Kinderhook	E. D. Young	600	525	75	47	47	10	5	32	5
North Adams	E. L. Kellogg	900	900	......	84	84	11	11	57	50
Osseo	W. C. Muffitt	400	300	100	40	40	......	3	......	6
Quincy	Louis Grosenbaugh	920	920	......	69	69	14	8	46	34
Ransom	M. J. Brownell	625	500	125	48	48	10	5	34	6
Reading	W. M. Paddock	500	500	......	48	48	13	5	30	17
Sturgis	N. L. Bray	1025	975	50	75	75	15	10	51	50
Union City	J. F. Orwick	925	925	......	55	55	11	5	37	20
White Pigeon	John Klose	750	780	...	53	53	11	7	36	13
	Total	17640	16740	930	1401	1388	235	148	807	483

Statistics for Kalamazoo District, Michigan Conference, for 1886.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. Missions.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								Minister'l Support.		
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Allegan	2	127	2	3	2	6	1	3000	1	1200	298	----	300	150	1	18	85	30	----	30	4	----	----	----	2	----	----	----	989	20	------
Augusta	1	123	---	2	2	2	2	6500	1	1600	103	200	600	65	2	15	103	22	----	22	2	1	1	1	1	1	----	----	634	4	1
Banfield	9	122	---	4	---	5	2	3500	1	600	35	236	120	75	3	20	120	40	----	40	1	1	1	6	8	1	----	20	710	15	2
Bloomingdale	29	257	---	1	2	61	1	1200	1	600	40	----	631	45	5	40	265	39	11	50	10	3	3	10	36	4	----	----	712	52	6
Climax	11	155	---	2	---	1	2	8000	1	1600	193	----	----	142	2	30	130	89	11	100	10	----	----	6	4	----	74	----	980	22	------
Comstock	4	60	---	--	---	2	1	3800	1	400	----	107	160	35	2	22	9	43	----	43	6	1	1	4	9	----	----	----	655	8	------
Cooper	8	107	---	3	---	3	1	2800	1	600	25	----	----	100	2	16	95	25	5	30	5	2	2	5	1	2	20	5	563	13	10
Douglass	4	56	---	1	1	4	2	3400	--	------	----	65	315	50	2	20	110	6	----	6	1	----	----	----	4	----	----	----	600	2	------
Fennville	15	83	1	1	---	8	2	3000	--	------	45	----	----	40	3	24	160	15	----	15	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	582	5	------
Galesburg	10	178	1	1	3	6	1	14000	1	600	275	----	----	180	1	18	250	54	10	64	8	2	2	8	5	5	65	34	981	14	------
Kalamazoo, First Ch.	20	530	2	5	17	9	1	52000	--	------	3200	----	----	1300	2	50	471	240	70	310	65	9	6	65	30	10	74	----	2035	100	533
" Simpson "	7	30	---	-	---	---	1	2800	--	------	----	----	----	----	1	30	183	13	2	15	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	200	----	------
Kendall	6	87	1	--	---	1	1	2000	1	200	20	75	125	25	1	13	100	15	----	15	----	----	----	----	2	----	11	----	257	14	------
Lacota	40	77	1	1	---	18	1	2500	1	300	20	----	----	75	1	12	144	42	18	60	5	1	2	5	4	1	17	----	601	9	107
Martin	9	151	---	1	---	4	2	4025	--	------	1900	100	190	100	2	23	160	36	68	104	6	1	1	6	6	1	80	----	714	30	65
Mendon	28	181	---	1	20	52	2	3500	1	1000	325	----	100	100	2	28	122	70	30	100	10	2	3	10	5	1	31	6	1044	14	5
Millgrove*	---	----	---	--	---	---	--	------	--	------	----	----	----	----	--	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------
Monterey	11	65	---	3	2	---	1	1500	1	150	----	----	----	10	2	14	100	8	2	10	1	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	482	5	1
Oshtemo	16	70	---	--	---	17	1	3000	1	700	8	----	----	100	2	25	100	20	5	25	----	----	----	----	5	----	20	----	588	23	------
Otsego	20	250	2	6	3	55	2	4500	1	1000	90	----	100	105	2	33	270	85	21	106	20	4	3	21	5	5	66	10	934	53	22
Parkville	15	137	---	2	8	27	2	8000	1	600	----	150	----	75	2	20	122	20	3	23	7	2	2	1	3	----	30	----	603	12	------
Plainwell	1	160	1	--	2	5	1	5000	1	600	100	----	----	100	1	29	200	39	39	78	8	1	1	8	5	1	71	----	840	10	2
Prairieville	17	99	---	2	---	3	2	4500	1	500	----	----	----	50	3	24	150	50	----	50	4	1	1	5	4	1	79	----	767	30	2
Richland	4	87	---	--	---	4	1	2500	1	1000	10	----	----	100	4	32	225	16	----	16	----	----	----	----	----	----	35	----	762	9	------
Schoolcraft	58	175	2	2	4	44	1	4000	1	1600	70	70	----	125	3	38	250	67	22	89	4	2	---	4	4	----	81	----	919	21	------
South Haven	29	189	---	--	2	25	2	4500	1	1000	70	----	150	100	2	32	240	52	38	90	1	1	1	2	7	1	30	----	978	7	5
Three Rivers	57	318	1	2	3	52	1	25000	1	1250	215	900	----	450	1	22	224	102	48	150	7	4	3	5	6	4	97	86	1272	65	3
Vicksburg	20	157	1	3	---	3	2	6000	1	900	10	----	----	125	2	28	175	45	10	55	2	4	4	2	6	----	40	----	819	25	------
Wankeshma & Nottawa Ind. Missions	20	133	---	2	2	6	1	6000	1	500	250	----	----	80	2	23	142	46	8	54	5	2	1	6	----	2	17	----	630	14	------
Total	471	4164	15	48	73	423	40	190525	23	18500	7402	1903	2791	3942	57	699	4705	1329	421	1750	192	44	38	180	162	40	938	161	21851	596	764

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Allegan	J. J. McAllister	950	903	47	81	81	17	5	53	20
Augusta	N. M. Steele	675	592	83	52	40	12	2	40	4
Banfield	W. A. Bass	650	650	------	55	55	7	5	27	15
Bloomingdale	E. V. Armstrong	650	650	------	55	55	7	7	27	52
Climax	S. D McKee	900	900	------	76	76	17	4	53	22
Comstock	J. Donelson	612	612	------	44	38	5	5	18	8
Cooper	O. D. Watkins	460	525	------	35	35	3	3	13	13
Douglass	A. N. Eldred	650	560	90	47	39	2	1	13	2
Fennville	D. W. Fow	572	544	28	49	36	4	2	5	5
Galesburg	E. S. Mechesney	900	900	------	76	76	17	5	53	14
Kalamazoo, First Church	A. M. Gould	1800	1800	------	180	180	55	55	------	100
Kalamazoo, Simpson "	S. C. Davis	200	200	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Kendall	E. O. Mather	225	225	------	32	32	4	------	18	14
Lacota	O. H. Perry	550	550	------	47	47	9	4	33	9
Martin	L. W. Calkins	650	650	------	56	56	17	8	46	30
Mendon	L. DeLamarter	900	960	------	76	76	17	8	53	14
Millgrove*	J. J. McAllister	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Monterey	R. Shire	530	432	98	45	45	5	5	18	5
Oshtemo	E. H. Day	550	550	------	42	34	4	4	18	23
Otsego	A. T. Ferguson	850	850	------	72	72	17	12	53	53
Parkville	E. H. King	550	550	------	47	47	6	6	25	12
Plainwell	E. A. Tanner	725	775	------	62	62	12	3	40	10
Prairieville	D. G. Bruce	700	700	------	60	60	7	7	27	30
Richland	W. P. French	700	700	------	60	60	5	2	18	9
Schoolcraft	D. W. Parsons	700	850	------	60	60	17	9	55	21
South Haven	Geo. B Kulp	900	900	------	76	76	14	2	44	7
Three Rivers	J. W. Reid	1150	1150	------	100	100	22	22	65	65
Vicksburg	H. B Hunt	750	750	------	64	64	9	5	50	25
Waukeshma and Nottawa Ind. Mission	S. Kitzmiller	575	575	------	51	51	6	4	22	14
	Total	20024	20003	346	1700	1653	314	195	857	596

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Bangor and Breedsville	47	67	---	2	---	35	2	4000	1	1000	30	108	200	75	3	30	140	10	----	10	2	----	---	3	----	----	3	----	694	6	------
Benton Harbor	8	167	1	--	2	---	1	9000	---	------	40	60	700	300	1	17	200	4	----	4	1	----	1	1	1	----	24	30	802	4	------
Berrien Springs	10	135	---	--	4	12	2	3500	1	1100	26	40	-----	150	2	24	120	54	6	60	8	2	1	8	4	1	59	----	728	22	------
Bridgeman and Stevensville	18	88	2	1	7	15	2	2300	---	------	1175	----	400	10	3	24	180	7	4	11	1	1	1	1	3	1	----	----	407	9	------
Buchanan	13	160	---	6	1	5	1	3000	1	1200	----	----	-----	150	1	25	190	21	23	44	8	2	1	10	5	2	43	23	782	18	4
Cassopolis	---	100	---	2	---	---	2	7000	2	1500	----	----	-----	100	3	20	100	20	----	20	----	----	---	----	2	----	----	----	686	6	------
Coloma	100	150	---	1	3	5	2	3500	1	1500	125	243	179	90	3	30	250	5	----	5	3	1	---	1	12	----	6	1	536	5	1
Dayton	---	(62)	---	--	---	---	(3)	(4000)	(1)	(400)	----	----	(525)	----	(2)	(24)	(125)	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	(522)	----	------
Decatur	24	154	---	1	---	8	1	3000	---	------	----	----	75	75	1	19	150	25	6	31	5	1	1	1	14	1	55	----	614	15	1
Dowagiac	6	155	---	1	2	3	1	4000	---	------	150	----	-----	150	1	21	101	50	28	78	8	3	2	8	5	5	24	5	1039	25	5
Edwardsburg	6	120	---	1	---	11	2	2200	1	1000	35	----	-----	60	2	20	140	35	----	35	----	----	---	----	5	----	----	----	658	15	------
Hartford	16	110	---	--	---	20	1	4000	---	------	75	10	-----	90	1	14	150	3	----	3	2	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	595	3	------
Keeler and Silver Creek	9	90	---	5	---	---	3	5000	1	600	90	200	-----	30	2	20	122	25	----	25	3	1	1	3	5	2	----	1	711	10	------
Lawrence	24	91	1	2	---	---	1	1600	1	500	5	----	-----	25	2	24	183	18	13	31	----	----	---	----	3	2	----	----	441	17	2
Lawton	10	109	---	3	---	10	1	2000	1	500	50	----	-----	60	2	25	144	12	----	12	2	----	---	2	7	----	----	----	560	4	------
Marcellus	19	95	1	--	2	8	2	3000	1	600	25	----	-----	40	2	30	160	55	----	55	4	2	1	3	----	----	----	----	642	5	------
Mattawan	17	91	---	3	2	7	3	5000	1	600	100	----	-----	80	2	19	115	18	35	53	5	2	1	5	3	3	----	----	620	30	------
New Buffalo and Three Oaks	9	128	1	3	4	20	4	7000	1	500	100	----	-----	110	4	30	175	22	8	30	4	1	---	3	3	1	----	----	604	22	------
Niles	26	331	1	10	9	7	1	13000	1	3000	----	275	1500	370	1	40	350	50	40	90	15	6	3	10	10	----	----	45	1274	50	------
Paw Paw	8	124	1	1	1	9	1	8000	1	1000	15	----	-----	110	1	20	165	50	----	50	3	1	---	----	1	----	25	----	962	30	------
Pipestone	7	102	---	3	1	3	1	2000	---	------	----	----	-----	50	1	15	75	10	----	10	1	1	---	2	1	1	----	----	230	5	------
Pokagon	6	220	1	4	4	16	5	8000	1	400	825	----	175	200	4	40	225	50	4	54	4	1	1	3	5	2	35	30	861	21	------
Saint Joseph	46	236	1	5	15	30	1	14000	1	2500	2400	----	-----	360	1	27	450	70	40	110	20	1	1	14	10	11	35	20	1140	45	63
Vandalia	7	120	---	3	1	2	4	7500	1	1200	100	80	750	50	4	38	150	15	----	15	1	----	---	1	1	----	----	----	594	5	10
Total	436	3205	10	57	58	226	47	125000	19	19100	5366	1016	4504	2735	49	596	4160	629	207	836	100	26	15	79	100	32	309	155	16700	372	86

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		Pastors			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Bangor and Breedsville	G. A. Buell	725	655	70	40	36	7	3	30	6
Benton Harbor	L. W. Earle	900	800	100	------	------	13	2	30	4
Berrien Springs	Joshua White	700	678	22	46	46	7	4	32	22
Bridgeman & Stevensville	Wm. Douglass	486	371	115	36	34	------	2	20	9
Buchanan	C. G. Thomas	720	720	------	56	56	8	6	30	18
Cassopolis	G. C. Elliott	700	650	50	44	34	------	2	------	6
Coloma	R. C. Wilkinson	700	486	214	56	48	11	2	44	5
Dayton	W. L. Jackway	(486)	(486)	------	(36)	(36)	------	------	------	------
Decatur	W. J. Hatheway	700	560	140	50	50	10	4	24	15
Dowagiac	A. D. Newton	1000	950	50	76	76	13	13	44	25
Edwardsburg	L. S. Matthews	675	600	75	56	52	13	6	44	15
Hartford	H. H. Parker	550	560	------	39	33	8	2	50	3
Keeler and Silver Creek	G. W. Gosling	680	650	30	56	56	11	5	44	10
Lawrence	H. C. Chamberlain	450	407	43	32	32	5	2	8	17
Lawton	Uri Mason	650	522	128	40	37	11	1	36	4
Marcellus	C. H. Fisher	600	600	------	40	40	------	2	------	5
Mattawan	W. W. Lamport	600	577	23	32	32	11	11	30	30
New Buffalo & Three Oaks	E. B. Patterson	550	550	------	48	48	------	6	------	22
Niles	I. R. A. Wightman	1150	1150	------	102	102	20	20	72	50
Paw Paw	J. H. Tanner	900	900	------	60	60	------	2	------	30
Pipestone	J. R. Oden	400	193	207	36	36	8	1	30	5
Pokagon	Isaiah Wilson	800	800	------	56	56	13	5	41	21
Saint Joseph	G. L. Cole	1050	1050	------	80	80	21	10	70	45
Vandalia	J. W. Buell	550	550	------	42	42	8	2	31	5
	Total	15722	15465	1267	1159	1122	198	113	710	372

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTER'L SUPPORT.		
																		Missions.													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers	No of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Ada	22	38	---	--	---	12	1	1500	--	------	105	----	----	25	1	7	50	2	----	2	----	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	100	2	------
Ashland	3	100	---	1	3	4	1	4000	1	300	18	800	1300	40	3	24	205	14	2	16	3	----	---	1	4	1	----	----	466	8	------
Berlin & Lamont	13	102	---	2	1	1	2	6000	2	900	750	----	----	90	3	36	136	15	6	21	3	2	1	4	4	2	14	----	615	5	4
Byron and Dorr Centers	33	168	2	--	1	7	1	2000	1	800	----	----	----	80	2	18	200	40	20	60	10	1	1	5	5	1	----	----	752	16	------
Caledonia	12	115	---	--	---	1	3	4500	1	800	275	----	350	25	4	48	260	25	----	25	2	1	1	6	3	2	----	----	586	10	------
Cannonsburg	2	80	---	--	---	---	3	6000	1	1000	25	----	----	60	2	16	75	15	----	15	5	1	---	1	2	1	----	----	631	5	------
Casnovia	---	52	1	3	1	1	2	3000	1	1000	----	----	500	65	1	10	90	6	----	6	2	----	---	1	----	----	----	----	402	3	------
Cedar Springs	10	143	---	--	1	---	2	7000	1	800	50	----	120	85	2	25	142	12	16	28	1	1	1	2	1	1	----	----	777	11	50
Coopersville	---	78	---	--	1	3	2	4200	1	800	440	----	----	120	2	31	236	36	6	42	6	1	1	2	2	2	34	----	892	30	------
Grand Haven	15	91	---	--	19	20	1	3000	--	------	15	----	----	50	1	14	110	15	----	15	----	----	---	----	----	----	12	----	538	3	------
Grand Rapids—																															
Ames Church	10	131	---	--	2	---	1	3000	--	------	----	100	750	----	1	24	240	5	25	30	----	----	---	----	----	----	48	----	680	8	------
Division St	25	485	2	3	2	---	1	50000	--	------	885	----	1400	1600	1	48	342	349	151	500	51	10	5	50	20	17	367	76	2930	140	469
East St	10	150	---	--	2	4	1	7000	--	------	85	----	----	175	2	28	369	56	16	72	10	2	1	10	10	4	34	----	1052	20	2
Plainfield Ave.	7	69	1	2	---	---	1	4000	--	------	----	----	400	67	1	16	130	15	----	15	2	1	1	2	1	1	----	----	692	7	------
Second St	80	252	2	2	9	20	1	40000	1	3500	4000	----	----	500	1	21	274	90	10	100	5	1	1	5	10	1	46	50	1637	20	200
Grandville	14	75	1	2	---	22	1	3000	1	800	100	9	102	45	3	35	200	23	----	23	4	----	---	3	6	----	----	----	561	17	2
Hastings	19	253	---	4	5	29	1	6000	1	1500	30	----	----	245	1	25	309	129	21	150	28	6	2	28	26	9	63	34	1229	78	112
Hastings Circuit	21	164	2	4	---	10	--	------	--	------	----	----	----	10	3	27	163	25	----	25	6	1	1	8	11	2	21	----	535	25	------
Holland	6	80	1	1	6	2	1	3500	1	1000	100	58	----	80	1	13	130	11	19	30	2	1	1	2	4	1	12	34	746	5	40
Irving	1	94	1	4	---	---	1	3000	1	1000	25	263	----	25	4	30	157	21	----	21	5	1	1	6	1	1	----	----	526	11	------
Middleville	4	138	---	1	4	18	1	2500	1	1000	375	65	20	75	2	18	160	12	15	27	5	2	1	4	8	----	18	6	830	8	------
Muskegon	44	357	3	--	31	39	1	10000	1	4000	175	50	----	839	2	42	625	140	16	156	33	7	3	33	25	2	202	40	1665	88	407
North Muskegon	3	16	---	1	4	---	1	2500	--	------	670	330	----	----	1	4	58	2	1	3	1	1	---	----	----	----	1	----	------	1	------
Newaygo	1	46	1	1	1	---	1	2500	1	1000	550	----	25	25	1	12	68	9	3	12	3	1	1	3	1	1	----	----	730	4	1
Nunica	---	15	---	--	---	---	1	800	--	------	----	----	----	----	--	----	----	----	---	----	----	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	------	----	------
Ravenna	---	47	1	1	---	---	1	1300	1	300	100	----	----	35	1	14	80	3	----	3	1	----	---	1	----	----	----	----	398	2	2
Rockford	5	120	---	1	1	4	2	6300	1	700	30	200	300	150	2	23	92	25	5	30	5	1	1	5	4	1	----	----	711	10	------
Sparta	4	140	---	2	---	---	2	4500	1	1750	----	----	----	52	2	24	101	45	10	55	10	2	5	10	3	2	21	----	674	26	23
Spring Lake	12	123	---	1	3	7	1	4500	1	800	300	32	----	30	2	29	160	16	11	27	4	----	1	4	----	----	----	4	800	10	------
Ventura	24	57	---	--	2	10	1	700	--	------	25	----	----	----	--	----	----	5	----	5	2	----	---	2	----	----	----	----	159	5	------
Wayland & Bradley Ind. Mis'n	5	61	---	--	---	---	1	2000	1	600	----	----	----	----	2	13	98	2	----	2	----	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	437	2	------
Total	405	3840	18	36	99	214	40	198300	22	24350	9028	1907	5267	4593	54	675	5259	1163	353	1516	209	44	30	198	151	52	893	194	22751	580	1312

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		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Ada	Jonathan Thomas	------	80	------	20	20	------	------	------	2
Ashland	W. A. Frye	425	425	------	40	40	7	1	20	8
Berlin and Lamont	J W. Horner	600	550	50	60	60	9	5	31	5
Byron and Door Centers	A. J Wheeler	675	675	------	72	72	14	5	46	16
Caledonia	C. J. Sonema	490	545	------	40	40	9	1	30	10
Cannonsburg	J. T. Hankinson	600	550	50	76	76	7	5	23	5
Casnovia	H. Cogshall	500	350	150	51	51	3	1	23	3
Cedar Springs	T. T. George	700	700	------	70	70	13	7	44	11
Coopersville	D. Cronk	790	833	------	52	52	7	7	23	30
Grand Haven	W. W. Rork	500	500	------	36	36	4	2	12	3
Grand Rapids—										
Ames Church	R. C. Crawford	800	634	166	40	40	14	6	48	8
Division St	J. Graham	2600	2600	------	290	290	40	40	140	140
East St	J. W. H. Carlisle	1000	1000	------	44	44	11	8	37	20
Plainfield Ave	Wm. Puffer	650	650	------	40	40	7	2	24	7
Second St	J. A. Sprague	1500	1500	------	130	130	19	7	65	20
Grandville	A. M. Griffith	500	515	------	44	44	3	2	17	17
Hastings	W. A. Hunsberger	1050	1100	------	108	108	21	21	69	78
Hastings Circuit	A. K. Stewart	500	500	------	30	30	10	5	32	25
Holland	H. D. Jordan	700	700	------	44	44	9	2	30	5
Irving	W. T. Roland	475	475	------	48	48	7	3	23	11
Middleville	J. E. White	800	775	25	52	52	10	3	32	8
Muskegon	W. J. Aldrich	1500	1500	------	140	140	25	25	88	88
North Muskegon	J. N. Dayton	------	------	------	------	------	2	------	4	1
Newaygo	J. G. Crosier	800	700	100	27	27	4	3	12	4
Nunica	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Ravenna	W. G. Talbert	450	370	80	30	27	3	1	10	2
Rockford	Geo. Varion	800	650	150	65	58	13	3	40	10
Sparta	A. Hunsberger	650	602	48	64	64	11	8	26	26
Spring Lake	J. W. Rawlinson	750	750	------	48	48	10	2	32	10
Ventura	Thos. Rible	------	146	------	10	10	3	3	5	5
Wayland and Bradley Ind. Mission	W. E. Golding	550	386	164	51	51	------	------	------	2
	Total	21355	20761	983	1822	1812	295	178	986	580

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																		Missions.													
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Alma	8	112	1			8	2	4500			2000			75	2	24	225	11	2	13					7				541	5	
Belding	22	57		1		16	1	633			633		315	13	2	17	103	8		8	1			1	2	1			379	4	37
Bowne	12	155	2		2	10	3	6125	1	917	245			94	3	31	213	50	3	53	9	1	1	9	11	2	12		739	30	2
Carson City	7	150	2	1			2	6000			250			125	2	30	215	17	3	20	3	1	1	5	2	1	11		702	7	
Coral	42	78		1	1	5	1	2000	1	250	150	14	175	60	4	36	204	20		20			1	1	2				401	3	13
Danby	13	114	1		5	3	3	6800	1	700	350	80	125	125	3	38	180	18	2	20	1	2	1	1	7				601	5	
Edmore	17	75	2	2	3	9	2	5000			700	600	700	125	2	20	140	25		25	5	1	1	5	2	2			745	13	2
Elm Hall	2	79	1				1	2500			7	175	300	66	1	10	40	3	10	13	2	1		1	2		1		366	3	
Freeport	48	72		1		19	2	2000			506		600	20	3	28	248	8		8									372	4	
Greenville	20	230	1	3	6	42	1	6000	1	1000	30			250	1	26	280	47	30	77	6	5	2	10	10	5	61	16	1270	61	
Greenville Circ't	20	89	1	1	1	27	4	5100			37			112	4	42	162	10		10	3	2	2	3	4		24	23	671	8	
Hubbardston	18	105		5		2	3	7000	1	800	70			75	2	27	185	26	4	30	2	1	1	3	5	3	28	12	652	10	
Ionia	65	431	2	4	4	75	1	50000	1	4000	107		2500	1010	1	33	411	145	30	175	16	4	1	16	7		61	89	1613	115	300
Lakeview	1	50	2	1	3		1	3000	1	1000	10			70	1	20	130		12	12				2	1				432	14	
Langston	9	53																											246	5	
Lowell	7	160		3	3	14	1	7000						95	1	17	130	30	11	41	2	1	1	2	4	1	35	17	753	10	3
Lyons and Muir	6	110		3	1	2	2	6000	1	1000	50			100	2	20	100	5	4	9	2	1		1	4				582	7	
Orange	34	198	1	3		10	3	7000	1	1000	600			150	2	29	150	45		45	4	1	1	10	6	1	30	15	880	25	5
Orleans	33	100	1	2	2	28	2	4000	1	800	150			50	4	31	211	48		48	4	2	2	7	3	2	15		620	25	
Palo	4	165	3	4		4	2	5000	1	500	70			80	2	25	140	34	8	42	5			5	4		13		705	6	
Saint Louis	1	108		2	2	1	1	5800	1	1000	840		100	100	1	20	200	10	8	18	2	1	1	2	4	1			904	8	4
Saranac	10	82		1		1	2	3400	1	700	94			100	2	21	115	14		14	2	2	2	2	10	2	10		757	11	
Sheridan	12	28	1			2	1	2500	1	300		85		10	1	10	45												171	3	
Stanton	25	85	1		3		1	4000	1	1000				125	1	16	200	34	14	48	4	1	1	4	2	1	20		1054	12	
Vergennes and Keene	9	82		4		4	2	4000	1	200	7			40	3	20	120	33		33	1	1	1	1	1	1	70		711	10	
Woodland	15	103	1	5	3	2	3	7000	1	800	100	575	240	150	3	30	170	40	5	45	6	2	1	7	4	1	37		687	29	
Crystal	1	40	1	1		2	1	1400			1100		300																200		
Total	461	3111	24	48	39	286	48	183758	17	15967	8106	1529	5355	3220	53	621	4317	681	146	827	80	30	21	98	104	24	428	172	17754	433	366

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Alma	F. N. Janes	600	500	100	42	40	7	1	30	5
Belding	L B. Kenyon	400	350	50	25	25	4	4	8	4
Bowne	J. W. White	675	675		60	60	11	4	39	30
Carson City	L. M. Garlick	700	635	65	64	64	11	3	41	7
Coral	J. R. Bowen	500	360	140	40	39	7	2	27	3
Danby	J. A. Weyant	600	550	50	56	50	5	1	11	5
Edmore	D. C. Riehl	800	700	100	40	40	7	5	13	13
Elm Hall	J. Hills	500	348	152	24	18	4		16	3
Freeport	R. R. Floody	400	336	64	36	36	6		16	4
Greenville	G. D. Lee	1150	1150		104	104	18	16	61	61
Greenville Circuit	J. B. Knott	650	620	30	50	44	9	7	29	8
Hubbardstown	D C. Woodard	700	600	100	52	47	9	5	29	10
Ionia	Levi Master	1450	1450		140	140	23	23	98	115
Lakeview	J. W. Sutton	600	400	200	42	28	6	4	18	14
Langston	A. J. Comdon	300	230	70	16	16			13	5
Lowell	J. W. Davids	700	700		50	50	4	3	10	10
Lyons and Muir	Jehiel Gulick	725	550	175	50	30	9	2	32	7
Orange	O. E. Wightman	800	800		70	70	12	10	54	25
Orleans	F. A. Van DeWalker	635	567	68	48	48	7	5	25	25
Palo	T. H. Jacokes	800	650	150	69	48		7		6
Saint Louis	Geo. Donaldson	950	850	100	72	52	13	2	27	8
Saranac	Wm. Judd	700	700		55	55	10	2	19	11
Sheridan			145		34	26	6		11	3
Stanton	H. Bargelt		1000			48		6		12
Vergennes and Keene	A. W. Burns	700	650	50	60	60		1		10
Woodland	W. J. Swift	635	635		44	44	8	8	29	29
Crystal	John W. Perkins		200							
	Total	16670	16351	1664	1342	1282	196	121	656	433

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Minister'l Support.		
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and impròv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	Missions. From Churches.	Missions. From S. Schools.	Missions. Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Bath	18	131		2		8	2	3600	1	600	330			80	3	32	185	50		50	4	1	1	4	6	1	32	10	700	13	
Breckenridge		(71)							(1)	(500)					(1)	(10)	(94)												(403)		
Charlotte	10	252	1	4	3	6	1	6000	1	2000	160			309	1	27	225	50	15	65	7	2	1	2	2	1	68	70	1377	42	
Dewitt	6	112	1			5	2	2000	1	500	81			50	2	32	78	20		20	6	2	2	5			50		695	20	
Eagle	5	62			1		1	1800			14	150		52	2	22	100	11	7	18							8	10	463	4	
Eaton Circuit		70	1				2	2500						60	1	12	60	16		16	2	2		3	2				307	12	
Eaton Rapids	8	288		5		6	1	15000	1	1000	300			300	1	24	174	89	11	100	3	1	1	1	3	1	68	10	1225	58	5
Elsie	1	249	3	6	1		2	6500			375	1084	753	140	4	50	331	44	6	50	10	1	1	10	5	2	69	19	796	30	4
Fowler	3	65		2	2	10	1	2000						10	2	20	80	15		15	2			2					501	10	
Grand Ledge	6	91	2	4		1	2	7000			50	708		150	2	30	152	16		16	1	1	1	1		1			538	15	
Gresham		79	4	1			2	5000	1	400			210	40				22		22	5	1	1	4	4	2			410	11	2
Ithaca	13	118				9	1	3000	1	800	60	50	700	75	1	15	164	34		34	3			1	3		39	3	858	5	
Lansing –																															
Central Church	31	330	6	3		4	1	15000	1	4000	150			400	1	31	300	117	51	168	34	6	3	20	8	9	38	147	1542	80	
First Church	7	100		1		1	1	5000	1	1500	121			110	1	20	100	20	8	28	5	1	1	3	5	1	26		1058	17	
Maple Rapids	4	130	2		3		2	2500	1	1500	800		400	90	3	24	110	11	4	15	2			1					736	8	
Mason	15	300		2		28	1	5500	1	1500	750			210	1	14	245	100	31	131	10			5	25		107	50	1295	60	12
Nashville	14	120		2		2	2	8000			56	1886		58	2	29	159	10	10	20	3	1	1	3	5	1			764	24	2
Okemos	8	178	3	2	1	24	2	3000	1	500	295			100	3	35	350	19	6	25	4	1	1	4	5	1	39		662	18	2
Ovid	15	204	1	3		3	1	4500	1	1500	296			313	1	22	110	124	17	141	20	4	2	20	11	5	71	94	1197	67	9
Portland	5	250		3	7	5	1	6000	1	2000	50			270	1	15	150	47	23	70	6	1	1	5	7	2	100	152	1095	22	22
Potterville	8	151	1	1		11	2	9000			160	300		150	2	23	185	61		61	7	2	1	7	10	4			865	27	2
Saint Johns	95	257		1	8	28	1	6500	1	1500	56	86	435	150	1	25	237	114		114	12	3	2	16		5	18		1190	56	8
Shepardsville	53	95				2	2	3000	1	500	100	57	279	25	1	7	40	2		2	2			2		1			136	14	1
Sickles	8	78	2			12	1	1300			20			15	1	11	100	10	2	12	5	1	1	4	11	2			340	8	2
Thompkins	14	96		1	2	11	2	2500	1	1500	150			80	2	20	120	42	8	50	3	1	1	3	9	1	14		646	24	4
Vermontville	36	192	1	3		27	2	4000	1	900	25			125	2	27	204	84		84	17	3	2	17	3	4		16	827	36	8
Wacousta	4	66		2		16	2	3500			165		600	70	2	12	80	10		10	1	1		1	1				585	5	
Total	387	4135	28	48	28	219	40	133700	18	22700	4564	4321	3377	3432	44	589	4133	1138	199	1337	174	36	24	144	125	44	747	581	21211	686	83

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Bath	G. L. Mount	650	650	......	44	44	10	6	41	13
Breckenridge	F. Simons	(400)	(374)	(26)	(29)	(29)	......	......	......	......
Charlotte	W. H. Thompson	1350	1267	83	100	100	21	10	61	43
Dewitt	Wm. Taylor	675	650	25	41	41	8	4	22	20
Eagle	J W. McAllister	400	434	......	28	28	5	1	15	4
Eaton Circuit	F. B. Bangs	275	275	......	26	26	6	6	13	12
Eaton Rapids	W. I. Cogshall	1100	1100	......	105	105	23	20	71	58
Elsie	A. McEwen	792	715	77	81	71	19	10	59	30
Fowler	F. F. Bliss	475	475	......	28	25	4	1	11	10
Grand Ledge	C. C. Olds	600	500	100	44	37	8	1	25	15
Gresham	A. H. Sturgis	550	367	183	39	39	7	4	22	11
Ithaca	C A. Jacokes	800	800	......	54	54	......	4	......	5
Lansing, Central Church	M. M. Callen	1400	1400	......	117	117	25	25	76	80
" First "	Thomas Riley	1000	1000	......	54	54	......	4	......	17
Maple Rapids	I. B Tallman	785	678	107	60	53	......	5	......	8
Mason	F. L. McCoy	1200	1200	......	85	85	21	10	63	60
Nashville	Thomas Cox	750	701	49	60	60	11	3	44	24
Okemos	A. E. North	600	600	......	52	52	11	10	44	18
Ovid	G. C. Draper	1100	1100	......	82	82	15	15	40	67
Portland	J. W. Miller	1200	1000	200	100	90	......	5	......	22
Potterville	Eli Wygle	802	802	......	54	54	9	9	27	27
Saint Johns	R. H. Bready	1100	1100	......	80	80	18	10	56	56
Shepardsville	A. M. Cross	125	87	38	48	48	11	1	35	14
Sickles	A. E. Boynton	400	300	100	36	36	4	4	20	8
Tompkins	J. H. Thomas	600	600	......	43	43	8	3	24	24
Vermontville	B. E. Paddock	750	750	......	64	64	13	13	41	36
Wacousta	A E. Craig	550	550	......	40	84	6	1	24	5
	Total	20429	19475	988	1591	1551	263	185	834	686

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Minister'l Support.		
																		Missions.													
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No of Deaths.	No Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Ashton	2	51	---	--	3	---	1	1500	--	------	----	290	----	15	1	11	60	4	1	5	1	----	---	1	----	----	----	1	224	1	------
Big Rapids	32	338	4	2	6	15	2	6000	1	1000	50	50	150	159	5	79	550	66	29	95	14	5	2	13	20	2	----	----	1396	60	4
Calkinsville & Isabella Indian Mission	32	162	7	5	24	4	1	500	--	------	----	----	----	15	1	8	40	10	----	10	1	----	---	1	----	1	----	----	241	3	20
Chase, Baldwin & Riverton Ind. Miss.	16	60	---	1	11	9	2	3000	--	------	1000	30	685	90	2	20	125	5	----	5	3	1	---	1	1	----	----	----	477	12	1
Clare	16	106	1	2	13	3	3	7500	1	1200	800	----	600	100	4	30	200	23	----	23	2	1	1	2	10	1	----	----	655	10	1
Coleman	12	25	---	--	7	2	2	3500	--	------	----	165	1150	20	3	18	100	10	----	10	3	1	1	3	1	1	----	----	438	6	20
Crystal Valley	40	60	---	5	2	48	--	------	1	225	15	----	----	20	5	30	268	5	----	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	401	1	------
Evart	8	128	1	5	3	4	2	5000	1	1000	125	348	78	135	2	30	250	15	----	15	6	1	---	4	4	----	1	1	756	8	1
Freesoil	17	110	1	4	1	7	1	1500	--	------	15	----	450	50	3	30	150	8	2	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	----	----	449	3	2
Fremont & White Cloud	15	68	---	2	10	3	2	4000	1	500	78	142	636	50	2	23	146	5	----	5	1	----	1	1	8	----	----	----	414	1	18
Gladwin	12	41	---	13	23	5	1	3000	--	------	312	100	700	50	3	15	127	10	----	10	----	1	---	----	----	----	----	----	497	1	------
Harrison	4	22	1	--	---	1	1	2200	-	------	202	526	157	55	--	----	----	10	----	10	----	1	1	1	1	1	----	----	357	1	------
Hart	10	104	---	4	1	2	2	4000	1	500	25	8	----	44	2	17	150	45	5	50	5	1	1	6	9	1	7	----	793	16	------
Hersey	3	68	---	2	---	2	2	1500	--	------	450	----	----	20	4	25	200	10	----	10	1	1	---	1	1	1	----	1	442	6	------
Hesperia	7	54	1	3	1	---	1	1000	1	900	----	----	100	30	1	15	70	5	4	9	2	----	---	1	2	1	----	1	371	12	------
Holton	1	39	---	--	---	---	2	2200	1	200	50	31	126	----	1	11	102	1	----	1	----	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	203	----	------
Howard City	4	88	1	--	---	---	1	2000	--	------	----	50	----	40	2	20	140	10	----	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	----	----	516	5	------
Ludington	22	116	1	2	1	2	1	3000	--	------	----	550	----	160	1	14	156	24	6	30	4	----	---	3	4	5	25	10	1010	10	------
Luther	4	42	---	--	7	1	1	2000	1	500	10	----	344	90	1	14	168	7	5	12	2	----	1	1	2	----	----	----	686	8	------
Manistee	15	165	---	4	4	6	1	10000	1	2000	68	----	2452	----	1	24	275	10	37	47	----	----	---	----	8	11	33	----	1275	12	------
Millbrook	81	82	2	--	4	5	3	4700	1	115	50	125	875	100	4	38	250	22	9	31	6	1	1	6	7	2	1	----	711	25	3
Montague	48	192	2	6	21	24	2	6000	1	1500	1550	----	950	91	2	24	225	40	----	40	7	1	2	8	5	1	50	----	963	16	72
Morley	13	173	4	2	9	16	2	3600	1	650	20	350	150	100	4	44	270	11	10	21	2	1	---	1	1	----	13	----	674	10	------
Mount Pleasant	16	149	---	2	14	14	1	20000	--	------	200	----	----	----	1	22	200	59	15	74	12	2	3	13	4	3	38	----	1253	24	7
Pentwater	11	46	---	1	8	9	1	6000	--	------	----	----	----	106	1	16	112	18	2	20	4	1	1	4	13	1	23	1	500	11	------
Pierson	19	151	2	--	---	1	2	5000	1	500	310	----	----	70	3	34	181	37	3	40	8	1	1	8	6	2	6	----	709	16	3
Reed City	8	142	1	2	---	10	1	5000	1	1000	1000	614	1000	120	2	20	150	20	1	21	1	----	---	1	----	----	----	----	701	5	------
Salt River	17	64	1	--	1	---	1	2000	--	------	100	----	500	10	1	10	90	7	----	7	2	----	---	2	1	1	----	----	353	6	------
Shelby	34	138	2	3	4	13	1	4000	1	700	200	50	75	150	1	14	115	40	10	50	3	1	1	3	3	1	46	----	862	20	2
Sanford	---	26	---	--	---	---	1	2000	--	------	----	----	----	----	3	19	108	----	----	----	----	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	------	----	------
Stanwood	25	40	---	1	---	4	--	------	1	350	5	----	----	----	--	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	181	----	------
Summit	10	82	---	2	3	21	1	2000	1	1000	20	150	----	25	1	8	45	10	----	10	2	1	---	2	1	1	----	----	497	5	------
Whitehall	8	105	---	1	3	---	1	4300	1	1200	----	464	110	150	1	15	150	42	30	72	7	1	1	7	5	2	64	----	1228	24	170
Total	552	3237	32	74	184	231	46	128000	19	15040	6655	4043	11288	2065	68	698	5173	589	169	758	103	26	21	97	120	42	308	16	20233	338	324

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NAMES OF DISTRICTS	NAMES OF PRESIDING ELDERS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Ashton	A. F. Swem	200	200	......	24	24	1	......	2	1
Big Rapids	J. W. Hallenbeck	1150	1250	......	128	128	18	18	60	60
Calkinsville & Isabella Ind. Miss.	H. S. Taft	285	200	85	40	40	8	1	9	8
Chase, Baldwin and Riverton Ind. Mission	C. H. Theobald	500	430	70	40	40	3	7	10	12
Clare	W. N. Younglove	672	604	68	54	48	7	3	20	10
Coleman	E. Treadgold	500	400	100	36	36	2	2	6	6
Crystal Valley	I. A. Scott	555	380	175	20	20	1	1	2	1
Evart	M. W. F. Smith	1000	685	315	72	66	10	5	28	8
Freesoil	G. E. Matthews	460	408	52	40	40	5	1	15	3
Fremont and White Cloud	James Roberts	685	390	295	52	24	5	1	15	1
Gladwin	S. C. Tiney	465	465	......	32	32	3	......	6	1
Harrison	R. A. Wright	400	322	78	32	32	3	3	6	1
Hart	A. H. Gamble	850	735	115	56	56	6	2	25	16
Hersey	Geo. Killean	450	400	50	40	40	4	2	12	6
Hesperia	James Draper	600	370	230	36	......	4	1	12	12
Holton	A. S. Jenkins	415	182	233	24	21	3	......	5	......
Howard City	E. F. Newell	567	467	100	52	47	......	2	......	5
Ludington	J. K. Stark	950	950	......	56	56	7	4	24	10
Luther	H R. Hawley	600	645	......	40	40	3	1	12	8
Manistee	C. S. Fox	1200	1200	......	70	70	10	5	33	12
Millbrook	G. H. Lockhart	600	650	......	56	56	5	5	15	25
Montague	M. W. Knapp	980	900	80	56	58	......	5	......	16
Morley	C. W. Smith	625	613	12	56	56	5	5	16	10
Mount Pleasant	G. L. Haight	1175	1175	......	68	68	10	10	24	24
Pentwater	J. C. Beach	410	457	......	40	40	3	3	8	11
Pierson	E. T. Lumber	690	650	40	54	54	5	5	16	16
Reed City	G. Daniels	700	650	50	50	50	3	1	10	5
Salt River	Thomas Young	450	300	150	52	52	4	1	10	6
Shelby	J. S. Valentine	800	800	......	56	56	6	6	20	20
Sanford	J. J. Ticknor	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Stanwood	Jas. Robinson	......	168	......	20	13	1	......	3	......
Summit	A. A. Darling	500	450	50	46	46	4	1	10	5
Whitehall	Wm. Hanson	1150	1150	......	68	68	10	10	24	24
	Total	20531	18646	2298	1566	1477	154	110	458	338

Statistics for Grand Traverse District, Michigan Conference, for 1886.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Minister'l Support.		
																		Missions.													
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Almira and Inland	14	100	2	4	----	3	1	1200	1	200	----	40	116	5	5	40	193	10	----	10	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	204	2	----
Bear Lake	19	94	1	4	3	12	2	1100	1	400	142	----	----	----	--	----	----	----	----	----	2	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	323	3	----
Bellaire	9	56	----	--	----	4	1	2500	1	500	24	----	1000	13	1	12	52	10	----	10	3	1	----	2	----	1	----	10	497	4	----
Benzonia	9	37	2	--	----	----	2	1050	--	----	----	----	----	25	2	19	100	7	----	7	----	----	----	1	----	----	----	----	168	2	----
Boyne	22	86	1	1	6	1	1	400	1	400	35	----	----	47	3	23	136	7	----	7	2	1	----	1	1	1	----	----	486	1	----
Cadillac	10	100	1	1	5	7	1	2500	1	100	15	----	32	128	1	26	125	16	----	16	2	1	1	2	5	----	31	----	892	1	10
Cadillac Circuit	17	60	1	1	2	4	2	1550	1	200	----	----	----	25	1	3	15	14	----	14	3	1	----	3	----	1	----	----	339	5	----
Charlevoix	8	90	1	1	7	4	1	3000	1	1500	----	54	600	175	1	16	122	11	2	13	1	1	1	1	2	1	14	--	766	3	----
Cross Village	15	64	----	--	5	16	--	----	1	500	10	12	115	----	6	41	215	6	----	6	1	----	----	----	----	1	----	----	376	3	----
Elk Rapids	14	167	2	1	5	3	2	3600	1	1200	100	----	800	75	4	52	268	15	----	15	1	----	----	1	1	----	27	----	751	4	----
Elmira	27	33	----	--	2	1	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	----	4	19	75	2	----	2	1	1	----	----	----	----	----	----	105	----	----
Empire	4	35	----	1	----	----	--	----	1	150	----	----	----	----	2	10	42	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	152	----	----
Fife Lake	20	103	1	2	12	1	2	3173	1	300	285	83	548	40	5	41	211	3	----	3	1	1	1	----	1	1	----	----	591	3	1
Frankfort	2	51	1	--	7	----	1	2000	1	1000	----	50	250	50	2	14	80	2	----	2	1	----	----	1	----	1	----	----	260	1	----
Harbor Springs	2	20	----	1	----	1	1	1000	1	400	----	----	----	25	1	7	40	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	----	252	1	----
Kalkaska	2	29	----	--	----	4	1	2000	1	200	----	----	600	100	1	9	50	1	----	1	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	130	3	----
Lake City	7	35	----	--	5	----	1	1500	1	800	2100	----	----	24	1	7	15	8	----	8	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	450	3	----
Le Roy	17	210	2	1	13	33	1	2000	1	600	51	----	40	26	4	27	193	4	----	4	1	----	1	1	1	----	----	----	691	4	----
Mancelona	5	123	1	1	2	7	2	2500	1	800	48	314	915	125	2	24	143	19	3	22	2	----	1	2	----	1	----	----	643	10	2
Manton	10	66	----	1	1	6	1	2000	1	300	17	----	120	50	2	21	130	12	----	12	1	1	----	1	3	----	----	----	519	5	1
Marilla	2	40	1	1	----	----	--	----	1	250	250	----	----	----	1	7	43	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	210	----	----
Monroe Center	25	82	2	--	----	2	1	1350	1	600	----	----	----	----	5	53	223	16	----	16	3	----	----	3	1	----	----	----	349	6	----
Northport & N. Ind. Msn	1	127	2	3	6	----	2	2400	1	400	42	134	215	43	2	18	80	6	----	6	----	3	----	----	6	----	----	----	381	1	----
Norwood	12	95	3	1	3	6	1	2400	1	700	----	----	----	100	2	16	114	19	----	19	1	----	1	----	5	----	----	----	741	2	----
Petoskey	22	224	----	1	4	----	1	3000	--	----	----	----	200	250	1	24	209	22	23	45	6	1	1	6	3	2	40	----	865	18	----
Petoskey Circuit	14	70	1	--	----	4	--	----	1	100	100	----	----	----	3	24	62	8	----	8	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	176	----	----
Petoskey Ind. Mission	22	95	4	3	6	1	2	800	--	----	----	----	----	25	1	4	2	4	----	4	1	----	----	1	----	1	----	----	283	----	----
Sherman	21	87	1	1	----	9	2	3000	1	600	75	----	----	70	3	36	140	10	----	10	5	----	1	1	5	----	62	----	602	16	40
South Arm	----	44	2	1	3	2	--	----	1	325	----	----	----	25	3	15	100	3	----	3	----	----	----	----	2	----	----	----	377	----	----
South Frankfort	13	11	----	--	----	1	1	1600	--	----	----	----	----	5	1	8	73	3	----	3	1	----	----	1	----	----	----	----	321	2	----
Spencer Creek	2	64	2	1	----	2	1	1400	--	----	178	198	140	18	4	20	100	4	1	5	1	----	----	1	5	----	----	----	410	2	----
Traverse City	6	240	----	--	1	12	1	6600	--	----	600	----	----	200	1	22	254	30	13	43	7	1	1	7	5	1	44	----	1236	19	4
Traverse City Circuit	----	35	----	--	----	----	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	----	3	22	102	4	----	4	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	90	1	----
Williamsburg	13	85	2	2	4	4	1	2000	--	----	----	45	450	25	4	32	80	7	----	7	1	1	----	1	4	----	----	----	382	4	1
Ironton	----	20	1	--	4	----	1	1200	--	----	----	30	40	10	2	13	70	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	72	----	----
Traverse Bay Circuit	15	63	1	--	----	16	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	10	2	10	55	9	----	9	2	----	1	2	3	1	----	----	151	6	1
Total	401	2941	38	34	116	166	37	58823	25	12525	4072	960	6181	1759	86	734	3912	292	42	334	50	14	10	40	52	13	219	11	15241	139	60

Statistics for Grand Traverse District, Michigan Conference, for 1886.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Almira and Inland	L. Kenney	300	175	125	40	29	3	------	8	2
Bear Lake	J. O. Snyder	548	290	258	32	32	2	1	7	3
Bellaire	R. M. Middleton	475	475	------	20	20	2	2	4	4
Benzonia	J. T. Glover	202	150	50	24	18	1	------	8	2
Boyne	A. L. Thurston	560	460	100	32	26	2	------	------	1
Cadillac	A. J. Eldred	850	850	------	40	40	2	2	5	5
Cadillac Circuit	D. A. Green	36	311	25	25	26	2	2	5	5
Charlevoix	J. T. Iddings	725	725	------	40	40	2	1	------	3
Cross Village	E. Eagle	850	850	------	25	25	1	1	4	8
Elk Rapids	O. J. Golden	700	700	------	50	50	------	1	8	4
Elmira	I. W. Wallace	200	100	100	15	5	2	------	4	------
Empire	Thos. Tindall	------	137	------	16	14	1	1	------	------
Fife Lake	S. P. Hewitt	566	566	------	40	24	3	1	8	3
Frankfort	E. G. Stevens	400	242	158	20	18	2	------	4	1
Harbor Springs	S. Slyter	------	250	------	------	------	2	2	2	1
Kalkaska	E. Marble	200	130	70	25	------	------	------	------	3
Lake City	J. M. Smith	425	425	------	25	25	1	------	8	8
LeRoy	J. F. McKinley	650	650	------	40	40	2	1	4	4
Mancelona	J. C. Ambrose	600	600	------	40	40	8	8	10	10
Manton	B. A. Whitman	485	485	------	32	32	2	2	5	5
Marilla	A. C. Barclay	250	200	50	15	10	------	------	------	------
Monroe Center	A. R. Keillor	450	327	123	40	20	2	2	6	6
Northport & N. Ind. Miss.	C. N. Coulter	475	349	126	32	32	------	------	------	1
Norwood	G. W. Howe	700	700	------	40	38	3	3	8	2
Petoskey	G. W. Sherman	800	800	------	60	60	5	5	16	18
Petoskey Circuit	E. Wood	275	162	113	20	14	2	------	4	------
Petoskey Indian Mission	J. R. Robinson	500	262	238	20	21	------	------	------	------
Sherman	F. J. Freeman	660	560	100	40	40	------	2	8	16
South Arm	W. N. McCartney	------	353	------	24	24	------	------	------	------
South Frankfort	R. W. Tindall	800	800	------	20	20	2	1	2	2
Spencer Creek	A. W. Busheo	430	390	40	20	20	2	------	5	2
Traverse City	Robert Shorts	1035	1150	------	80	80	6	6	19	19
Traverse City Circuit	George Youker	------	72	------	20	18	1	------	1	1
Williamsburg	William Heath	500	346	154	40	35	2	1	6	4
Ironton	D. F. Ellsworth	100	60	40	16	12	------	------	------	------
Traverse Bay Circuit	O. G. Whitman	200	147	53	------	3	1	1	4	6
	Total	15245	14249	1913	1068	951	61	41	163	139

Recapitulation by Districts, Michigan Conference, for 1886.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTER'L SUPPORT.		
																		Missions.													
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Albion	402	4186	29	48	61	272	34	201400	16	17700	3220	517	2001	8008	44	646	4461	1307	563	1870	225	58	34	359	169	57	772	585	19985	901	197
Coldwater	486	3605	28	56	15	330	41	166100	17	18200	2464	1055	1563	2985	53	616	4057	961	217	1178	147	36	26	166	87	31	633	77	18276	483	256
Kalamazoo	471	4164	15	48	73	423	40	190525	23	18500	7402	1903	2791	3942	57	699	4705	1329	421	1750	192	44	38	180	162	40	938	161	21851	596	764
Niles	436	3205	10	57	58	226	47	124100	19	19100	5366	1016	4504	2735	49	596	4160	629	207	836	100	26	15	79	100	32	309	155	16700	372	86
Grand Rapids	405	3840	18	36	99	214	40	198300	22	24350	9028	1907	5267	4593	54	675	5259	1163	353	1516	209	44	30	198	151	52	893	194	22751	580	1312
Ionia	461	3111	24	48	39	286	48	183758	17	15967	8106	1529	5355	3220	53	621	4317	681	146	827	80	30	21	98	104	24	428	172	17754	433	366
Lansing	387	4135	28	48	28	219	40	133700	18	22700	4564	4321	3377	3432	44	589	4133	1138	199	1337	174	36	24	144	125	44	747	581	21211	686	83
Big Rapids	552	3237	32	74	184	231	46	128000	19	15040	6655	4043	11288	2065	68	698	5173	589	169	758	103	26	21	97	120	42	308	16	20233	338	324
Grand Traverse	401	2941	38	34	116	166	37	58823	25	12525	4072	960	6181	1759	86	734	3912	292	42	334	50	14	10	40	52	13	219	11	15241	139	60
Grand Total	4001	32424	222	449	673	2367	373	1384706	176	164082	50877	17251	42327	32739	508	5874	40177	8089	2317	10406	1280	314	219	1361	1070	335	5247	1952	174002	4528	3448
Last Year	3320	30799	214	408	534	2076	356	1350060	174	164955	52217	18936	40313	27561	483	5662	38056	8207	1903	10110	1343	445	158	1858	1506	353	4879	1993	174680	4206	13264
Increase	681	1625	8	41	139	291	71	34646	2	----	----	----	2014	5178	25	212	2121	----	414	296	----	----	61	----	----	----	368	----	----	322	----
Decrease	----	----	---	----	----	----	---	----	----	873	1340	1685	----	----	---	----	----	118	----	----	63	131	---	497	436	18	----	41	678	----	9816

Recapitulation by Districts, Michigan Conference, for 1886.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS	NAMES OF PRESIDING ELDERS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Albion	A. A. Knappen	18262	18453	890	1314	1295	296	237	960	901
Coldwater	David Engle	17640	16740	930	1401	1388	235	148	807	483
Kalamazoo	D. F. Barnes	20024	20003	346	1700	1653	314	195	857	596
Niles	I. Taylor	15722	15465	1267	1159	1122	198	113	710	372
Grand Rapids	J. I. Buell	21355	20761	983	1822	1812	295	178	986	580
Ionia	A. P. Moors	16670	16351	1664	1342	1282	196	121	656	433
Lansing	Jas. Hamilton	20429	19475	988	1594	1551	263	185	834	686
Big Rapids	J. C. Floyd	20531	18646	2298	1566	1477	154	110	458	338
Grand Traverse	W. R. Stinchcomb	15245	14249	1913	1068	951	61	41	163	139
	Grand Totals	165884	160143	11279	12966	12531	2012	1328	6431	4528
	Last Year	167631	155835	12341	13011	12271	1816	1244	5854	4206
	Increase	------	4308	------	------	260	196	84	577	322
	Decrease	1750	------	1062	45	------	------	------	------	------

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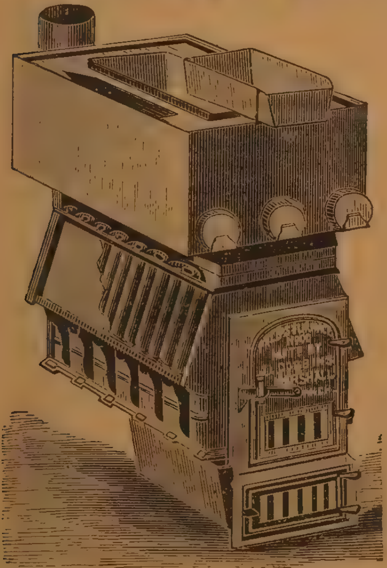

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W. F. M. Society—J. White, H. D. Jordan, B. H. Whitman.
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Parsonages and Furniture—A. Hunsberger, T. T. George, W. R. Stinchcomb, James Webster, M. W. F. Smith.

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I. R. A. Wightman, L. M. Edmonds, W. M. Colby,
W. Gardner, H. D. Jordan.

CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st. The Conference shall meet at 8 A. M., spending 20 minutes in devotional exercises, and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjournment at their discretion, and provided also that on the second day of the Annual Session the Conference shall be adjourned by expiration of time at 10 A. M.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journal of the preceeding day read and approved.

3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of an appeal the question shall be taken without debate.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.

5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member requests it.

6. When a motion, resolution, or report presented is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed as in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before the decision or amendment.

7. No new motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named, viz: The previous question, indefinite postponement, laying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, amendment or substitute.

8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language, but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.

10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference, nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

11. Whenever any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative to move for a reconsideration.

12. No member shall absent himself from the session of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when said question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

14. Every member who shall be within the bar, at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of the Conference, and when approved shall record them in a book provided for that purpose. He shall have charge of the journal and other papers of the Conference, and preserve them with care: suffer no person to take a copy of any paper during the interval of Conference, except with the consent of the Conference, and shall forward the journal and papers to the next Annual Conference.

17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time and shall be decided without debate.

18. All committees whose reports are to be printed in the Minutes shall present their reports in duplicate, one copy for the Conference, and another for the Committee on Publication of the Minutes, otherwise the Committee on Publication is not required to insert such reports in the Minutes.

19. All persons, while passing the disciplinary course of study, who shall be reported below the medium, or who shall be deficient in the required reading, shall be required to pass another examination on the studies so reported, or to make up the deficient reading; and the chairman of the Examining Committee shall give notice to the Conference Secretary and to the deficient party.

20. A member of the Conference accused of offences against the law and discipline of the Church, is entitled to a copy of the charges and specifications to be relied on for the prosecution of the complaint, together with a notice of the time when the accused will be called upon to answer said charges and specifications. A failure to serve a copy of said charges and specifications a reasonable length of time before the same shall be presented for adjudication must be satisfactorily explained by the prosecution before the trial can proceed.

JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

[Contains all proceedings and was by vote declared to be the official Journal of Michigan Conference.]

FIRST DAY.

BAY VIEW, MICHIGAN, Sept. 7, 1887.

The Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its fifty-second annual session in the Chapel at Bay View, Michigan, at 9 o'clock A. M., Sept. 7, 1887. No Bishop being present, W. I. Cogshall, Secretary of the last session, called the Conference to order, read paragraph 77 of the Discipline and asked the Conference to proceed to the election of a President, pro-tem.

Thos. Riley, G. C. Draper, C. G. Thomas and A. D. Newton were appointed tellers. J. M. Reid, W. H. Brockway and T. H. Jacokes were severally nominated.

During the progress of the ballot, the following telegram from Bishop Ninde was received:

> Will reach Petoskey Wednesday evening. Let the Conference organize Wednesday morning. W. X. NINDE.

The tellers reported the ballot with the following result: Whole number of votes cast 154; J. M. Ried, D. D., received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected President pro-tem, and took the chair.

After a brief address, thanking the Conference for the honor and also referring feelingly to the death of Bishop Wm. L. Harris, the president read the 3rd chapter of the First Epistle of John; the 798th hymn was sung, and W. H. Brockway and T. H. Jacokes led the Confererence in prayer. The roll was called and the following were present and answered to the call:

W. J. Aldrich, J. C. Ambrose, J. W. Arney, D. O. Ball, F. B. Bangs, H. S. Bargelt, D. F. Barnes, G. S. Barnes, C. L. Barnhart, W. A. Bass, A. C. Beach, J. C. Beach, J. Berry, J. R. Bowen, N. L. Bray, W. H. Brockway, N. L. Brockway, D. G. Bruce, J. I. Buell, G. A. Buell, J. W. Buell, A. W. Burns, L. W. Calkins, M. M. Callen, J. W. H. Carlisle, M. D. Carrell, J. W. Cawthorne, Thos. Clark, J. Clubine, W. I. Cogshall, W. M. Colby, W. M. Coplin, Thos. Cox, R. C. Crawford, D. Cronk, J. G. Crozier, E. H. Day, J. W. Davids,

J. N. Dayton, L. DeLamarter, Wm. Denman, Geo. Donaldson, G. C. Draper, L. M. Edmonds, A. J. Eldred, A. N. Eldred, D. Engle, A. T. Ferguson, C. H. Fisher, J. C. Floyd, D. W. Fow, F. J. Freeman, L. M. Garlick, W. Gardner, T. T. George, G. W. Gosling, A. M. Gould, J. Graham, D. A. Green, L. Grosenbaugh, J. Gulick, G. L. Haight, J. W. Hallenbeck, Jas. Hamilton, S. L. Hamilton, W. Hansom, J. S. Harder, W. J. Hathaway, H. R. Hawley, D. S. Haviland, W. Heath, S. P. Hewitt, G. S. Hickey, T. J. Hill, G. E. Hollister, J. W. Horner, G. W. Howe, John Hoyt, A. Hunsberger, W. A. Hunsberger, H. B. Hunt, J. T. Iddings, T. H. Jacokes, C. A. Jacokes, F. N. Janes, H. D. Jordan, C. W. Jones, E. L. Kellogg, A. R. Keillor, E. H. King, S. Kitzmiller, J. Klose, A. A. Knappen, J. B. Knott, G. B. Kulp, W. W. Lamport, Geo. D. Lee, L. E. Lennox, M. F. Loomis, Thos. Lyon, E. T. Lumber, E. Marble, U. Mason, L. Master, L. S. Matthews, P. J. Maveety, W. J. Maybee, J. J. McAllister, J. W. McAllister, R. S. McGregor, S. D. McKee, E. S. McChesney, S. M. Merritt, R. N. Middleton, J. W. Miller, H. Morgan, A. P. Moors, G. L. Mount, W. P. Mosher, A. D. Newton, G. A. Odlum, C. C. Olds, J. F. Orwick, W. M. Paddock, O. S. Paddock, W. H. Parsons, D. W. Parsons, E. B. Patterson, O. H. Perry, J. H. Pitezel, J. H. Potts, W. M. Puffer, J. W. Rawlinson, J. W. Reid, J. M. Reid, D. C. Riehl, Thos. Riley, G. S. Robinson, W. W. Rork, G. W. Sherman, R. Shire, R. Shorts, M. W. F. Smith, C. W. Smith, J. M. Smith, J. A. Sprague, J. K. Stark, J. W. Steffe, S. Steele, N. M. Steele, E. G. Stevens, W. R. Stinchcomb, S. C. Strickland, W. J. Swift, H. S. Taft, I. B. Tallman, E. A. Tanner, I. Taylor, E. Tench, W. H. Thompson, C. G. Thomas, J. H. Thomas, W. L. Tilden, G. W. Tuthill, E. Treadgold, F. A. VanDeWalker, G. A. VanHorn, Geo. Varion, D. M. Ward, J. Webster, J. A. Weyant, A. J. Wheeler, J. White, J. E. White, J. W. White, B. H. Whitman, I. R. A. Wightman, O. E. Wightman, I. Wilson, S. C. Woodard, E. Wygle, E. D. Young, Thos. Young, W. N. Younglove.

The following probationers answered to the call:

F. F. Bliss, A. W. Bushee, H. C. Chamberlain, J. C. Chase, J. Clancy, D. F. Ellsworth, R. J. Floody, A. F. Hart, L. B. Kenyon, Geo. Killean, G. H. Lockhart, G. E. Matthews, M. M. Miner, W. C. Muffit, A. G. Nagler, T. Nicholson, Ira A. Scott, A. K. Stewart, A. H. Sturgis, C. H. Theobald, S. C. Tiney, F. L. Thompson, W. H. B. Urch, R. A. Wright.

On motion the Conference proceeded to elect a Secretary by ballot. After some nominations, T. H. Jacokes moved as a substitute that I. R. A. Wightman be elected by acclamation, and he was elected Secretary.

The Secretary nominated W. H. Thompson and G. L. Haight as assistant Secretaries, and they were elected.

On motion, E. T. Lumber was elected Treasurer of the Conference, and nominated as his assistants, W. J. Hathaway, F. L. Thompson and G. E. Matthews, who were elected.

On motion, A. J. Wheeler was elected Statistical Secretary, and nominated, H. C. Chamberlain, G. H. Lockhart, F. F. Bliss, E. H. King, A. F. Hart and E. B. Patterson as his assistants, and they were elected.

On motion of G. W. Gosling the Rules of Order as printed in the Minutes of last year, were adopted for the government of the present session.

On motion of the Secretary the printed copy of the Minutes was declared to be the official record of the Conference.

On motion, the list of Standing Committees nominated at the last Conference, were read, amended and adopted.

The following were, on motion, made a committee to nominate Standing Committees for next year: C. L. Barnhart, S. C. Strickland, H. B. Hunt, S. L. Hamilton, J. W. H. Carlisle, O. E. Wightman, G. C. Draper, M. W. F. Smith and B. H. Whitman.

On motion, the Bar of the Conference was fixed at the fourth posts from the front. W. H. Brockway moved that the election of delegates to the next General Conference be made a special order for Friday at 10 o'clock A. M., which motion prevailed.

Rev. Seth Reed of Detroit Conference and Secretary of Bay View Camp Meeting Association, was introduced, and addressed the Conference, and presented the notice of withdrawal and parchments of Linus Bathrick. The matter was laid on the table to be taken up when the Bishop shall be present.

On motion, the Conference requested the Northwest Indiana Conference to permit us to place the widow of the late Rev. H. M. Joy, D. D., upon our list of Conference claimants. This motion was carried unanimously by a rising vote.

A motion prevailed to forward the above request to that Conference while in session at the present time.

Question 20 was taken up ; A. A. Knappen of Albion District, was called, his character passed, and he reported Albion District.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: C. L. Barnhart, Geo. S. Hickey, G. A. Odlum, P. J. Maveety, G. S. Barnes, W. Gardner, James Berry, G. W. Tuthill, W. P. Mosher, A. N. Eldred, E. Cooley, W. M. Coplin, W. M. Colby, James Webster, L. M. Edmonds, J. W. Steffe, D. W. Parsons.

The characters of R. C. Welch and J. H. Potts, passed.

The following visitors were introduced to the Conference: Rev. W. H. Shire, J. S. Smart, D. D., and L. R. Fiske D. D., of Detroit Conference, Rev. A. E. Mahan and S. J. McElwer of the North Indiana Conference.

Question 20 was again taken up. The character of D. Engle of the Coldwater District passed and he reported Coldwater District.

Committees were called and notices given.

The President announced a special session for the afternoon, pursuant to action of the last session of Conference, to meet at 2 o'clock, and appointed W. H. Brockway to preside. Conference adjourned with the Doxology and the benediction by the President.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2 o'clock P. M., W. H. Brockway in the chair. W. M. Coplin conducted the devotional exercises.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes was postponed until to-morrow morning session. A. J. Wheeler called the list of charges whose statistics were not in.

On motion of M. M. Callen the present chairman was requested to make a statement to the Conference urging the brethren to bring in the statistics, and that the delinquent charges be then called by the Statistical Secretary. Conference then adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, Sept. 8.

Conference met at 8 A. M. Bishop W. X. Ninde in the chair.

F. B. Bangs conducted the devotional exercises.

The Bishop addressed the conference, tenderly referring to the closing days of Bishop Wm. L. Harris, after which D. F. Barnes and S. Reed of Detroit Conference, led the Conference in prayer.

The roll of absentees of yesterday's session was called, and the following brethren answered to their names: E. V. Armstrong, G. Daniels, E. F. Newell, B. E. Paddock, O. D. Watkins.

On motion, the farther calling of the roll was suspended.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended and approved.

Dr. Hartzell of the Freedman's Aid Society and M. Hickey of the Detroit Conference, and Dr. S. Hunt of the New York Book Concern, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion, Dr. J. M. Reid, A. M. Gould and W. H. Brockway were made a committee to prepare resolutions in regard to the death of Bishop Harris, and to arrange for a memorial service. The Conference also requested Bishop Ninde to be present and speak should his health permit.

W. M. Puffer was appointed to canvass the Conference for the *Methodist Review* and *Missionary Periodicals*.

A communication from the Treasurer of the Episcopal fund was read and referred to the Presiding Elders.

W. H. Brockway, Treasurer of the Conference Educational Society presented his official report which was adopted.

The Bishop stated that the Conference was authorized to draw upon the Book Concern for the sum of four hundred and fifty-three dollars, and the draft was ordered.

The Conference also ordered a draft upon the chartered fund for $30.00.

Dr. J. H. Potts of the Methodist Publishing Co., presented to the Conference a draft for $627.60, which was placed in the hands of the Conference Treasurer for the Board of Stewards.

Dr. Potts stated that he was authorized to say that if the list of subscribers to the *Michigan Christian Advocate* is made to reach 15,000, the sum of $2000.00 would be divided between the Detroit and Michigan Conferences at its next session.

On motion, the thanks of the Conference were tendered to the Methodist Publishing Co. for its generous gift.

Communications were received from the Educational and Freedmen's Aid Societies and were referred to the appropriate committees.

Question 20 was resumed and the following effective Elders of the Coldwater District, were called and their characters passed and they reported their collections: A. Hunsberger, C. C. Dawkins, J. Clubine, W. A. Hunsberger, J. Marzolf, S. C. Strickland, M. D. Carrel, E. D. Young, E. L. Kellogg, L. E. Lennox, C. W. Jones, F. L. Bray, J. F. Orwick, J. Klose.

The character of E. A. Whitwam was passed.

C· C. Dawkins, J. Marzolf and C. W. Jones were granted a supernumerary relation.

Dr. J. C. Hartzell was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interests of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, on motion of A. M. Gould the time was extended.

The 20th question was resumed. D. F. Barnes of the Kalamazoo District was called, his character passed and he reported his district.

The following effective Elders of the Kalamazoo District were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: E. S. McChesney, W. A. Bass, O. S. Paddock, S. D. McKee, C. H. Fisher, O. D. Watkins H. S. Bargelt, A. M. Gould, E. T. Lumber, O. H. Perry, L. W. Calkins, E. V. Armstrong, R. Shire, E. H. Day, A. T. Ferguson, Geo. Donaldson, E. A. Tanner, D. G. Bruce, W. P. French, W. J. Maybee, J. W. Reid, H. B. Hunt.

President Fiske presented the report of the Board of Trustees of Albion College, which was referred to the committee on Education.

The 20th question was resumed.

The character of W. I. Cogshall of the Niles District passed and he reported his district.

The following effective Elders of Niles District were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: Geo. A. Buell, L. W. Earle, W. J. Hathaway, S. L. Hamilton, G. C. Elliott, E. Tench, J. White, C. G. Thomas, L. S. Matthews, W. W. Lamport, G. W. Gosling, J. R. Oden, U. Mason, W. Prouty. I. R. A. Wightman, J. H. Tanner, I. Wilson, G. L. Cole, J. W. Buell, J. M. Reid and I. Taylor.

On motion I. Taylor was granted a superannuated relation.

The character of J. I. Buell of Grand Rapids District, passed and he reported his district.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: J. W. Horner, T. T. George, D. Cronk, W. W. Rork, R. C. Crawford, J. Graham, J. W. H. Carlisle, J. A. Sprague, G. D. Lee, J. B. Knott, H. D. Jordan, J. E. White, W. J. Aldrich, Geo. Varion, A. J. Wheeler, J. N. Dayton, J. G. Crozier and J. W. Rawlinson.

A communication was read from A. H. Gillett, D. D., containing a report of his work, and his character passed.

On motion of J. I. Buell, R. C. Crawford was granted a superannuated relation.

On motion of W. I. Cogshall, R. C. Wilkinson, whose case was referred to the Presiding Elder of Niles district for examination, was permitted to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church under charges, and pending trial, he having surrendered his parchments.

R. C. Crawford was appointed by the Bishop to conduct the devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, Sept. 9.

Conference met at 8 A. M. Thirty minutes were spent in devotional exercises, led by R. C. Crawford. Bishop W. X. Ninde took the chair at 8:30 A. M.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

Question 20 was resumed. A. P. Moors was called, his character passed and he reported Ionia District.

The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: J. W. White, E. H. King, J. A. Weyant, J. Gulick, J. Hills, J. R. Bowen, L. Grosenbaugh, D. C. Woodard, L. Master, J. W. Davids, T. H. Jacokes,

O. E. Wightman, F. A. VanDeWalker, F. N. Janes, D. C. Riehl, A. R. Keillor, J. J. McAllister, A. W. Burns and L. M. Garlick.

D. W. Parsons, J. Graham and R. Shorts were appointed a committee to examine the affairs of the Bellaire church and report to the Conference.

The character of James Hamilton of Lansing District, passed and he reported his district. At the close of his report, J. C. Draper on behalf of the brethren of the district, presented him with a purse of fifty dollars.

Hon. Grant Goodrich of Chicago, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Garrett Bibical Institute, was introduced to the Conference and invited to a seat upon the platform.

The Bishop announced the severe illness of Prof. R. C. Welch of Albion College and asked the prayers of the brethren.

The following effective Elders of Lansing District were called and their characters passed and they reported their collections: W. J. Swift, W. H. Thompson, G. L. Mount, C. C. Olds, C. A. Jacokes, M. M. Callen, Thomas Riley, I. B. Tallman, L. DeLamarter, G. C. Draper, J. W. Hallenbeck, D. O. Ball, A. D. Newton, R. S. McGregor, J. H. Thomas, B. E. Paddock.

On motion R. H. Bready and W. P. French were granted supernumerary relation.

On motion of J. W. Ried, the Conference ordered a draft for the sum of eighteen dollars and fifty-five cents, Parkhaust fund, on the Preachers' Saving Fund Society, in favor of the Conference Treasurer, for the Board of Stewards.

W. H. Brockway moved that the money now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Conference belonging to the Conference Educational Society be paid over to the Treasurer of said Society.

I. Wilson was made committee to collect money for the publication of the Minutes.

The Secaetary read a communication from the Michigan Annual Conference of the United Brethren Church complaining of assumed discourtesy to Rev. H. F. Barnaby, their Fraternal delegate to our Conference at Kalamazoo last year.

On motion of W. I. Cogshall, the Secretary was instructed to communicate to the Secretary of the United Brethren Conference the fact that this Conference disclaims any intent or thought of discourtesy or slight to any Fraternal delegate from our honored Sister Church, nor would it knowingly have been permitted, and, farther, that no delegate presented himself or his credentials to our Conference, nor was it known to the Conference or any officer thereof, that such delegate was present at the seat of Conference.

The 5th question was called. The class of probationers who remain on trial were called and addressed by the Bishop.

The following reported their collections, their characters passed, they were reported by the committee of examination and Presiding Elders, and were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons' Orders: Richard W. Tindall, Judson D. Clancy, Arthur H. Sturgis, Gould E. Matthews, Robert J. Floody, Robert A. Wright, Wm. J. Douglass and Howard C. Chamberlain.

The following probationers, being deacons, were called, reported their collections, their characters passed and they were admitted into full connection: Albert W. Bushee, Thomas Nicholson, Seward C. Tiney and Fayette L. Thompson.

Geo. H. Lockhart, Frank F. Bliss, Arthur K. Stewart, Alfred E. Craig, Delbert L. Thomas and Luther B. Kenyon were continued on trial.

The special order was taken up and the Conference proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Conference. It was announced that the Conference was entitled to six delegates.

On motion of J. M. Reid, D. D., it was ordered that in case a ballot should contain a name repeated, the name should be counted but once. And it was ordered that in case more than six persons should receive a majority of the votes, the six receiving the highest majority should be declared elected.

The following were appointed tellers: M. M. Callen, Geo. S. Hickey, P. J. Maveety, J. Graham.

The ballot was taken and the tellers, with one of the Secretaries, retired to count the vote.

Pending the count of the vote;—

Question 20 was resumed. The character of J. C. Floyd passed and he reported Big Rapids District.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: C. W. Smith, M. W. F. Smith, James Roberts, E. Treadgold, N. M. Steele, E. F. Newell, G. Daniels, H. R. Hawley, J. W. Miller, W. N. Younglove, G. L. Haight, H. S. Taft, J. K. Stark, J. S. Valentine, W. Hansom.

On motion, J. S. Valentine was granted a supernumerary relation.

The following were made a committee to consider the affairs of the church at White Cloud: Dr. J. M. Reid, W. Gardner and J. W. Reid.

Marcus D. Buell, A. M., S. T. B., Assistant Dean and Professor of New Testament Greek in the Theological School of Boston University, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of that institution.

On motion, the time was extended.

Question 20 was resumed. The character of W. R. Sinchcomb of Grand Traverse District passed and he reported his District.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: D. A. Green, A. J. Eldred, O. J. Golden, S. P. Hewitt, G. W. Howe, J. T. Iddings, J. M. Smith, J. C. Ambrose, Wm. Paddock, B. H. Whitman, G. W. Sherman, F. J. Freeman, G. S. Robinson, R. Shorts, W. Heath, C. S. Fox.

On motion, F. J. Freeman was granted a superannuated relation.

On motion, A. M. Gould was requested to forward the condolence of the Conference to Bro. S. M. Merritt, who was compelled to leave the seat of Conference, by a sudden attack of illness.

The tellers here returned and the Secretary announced the result of the ballot as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	195
Necessary to a choice	98

The following persons having received a majority of all the votes cast, to-wit: D. F. Barnes, D. D., 134; J. H. Potts, D. D., 102; J. M. Reid, D. D., 100; and W. Gardner, D. D., 99; were declared elected delegates to the General Conference.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned after the Doxology and benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, Sept. 10.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8 A. M. Thirty minutes were spent in devotional services, led by E. H. Day. At 8:30 Bishop Ninde took the chair.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Dr. Earl Cranston of the Western Methodist Book Concern, and Rev. A. J. Mead, Superintendent of the American Bible Society, were introduced to the Conference.

Salmon Steele, on behalf of the preachers of Grand Traverse district, presented to W. R. Stinchcomb, the retiring Presiding Elder of the district, an elegant Bible.

The following were announced by the Bishop transferred to this Conference: A. H. Gamble from the South India Conference, and Alexander T. Luther, a probationer from the Rock River Conference.

The Secretary read a telegram in reply to one sent to the Northwest India Conference, announcing that the request was granted to place Mrs. Joy upon the list of claimants in our Conference.

The special order of yesterday was resumed and a ballot taken for the two remaining delegates.

Pending the canvas of the votes, Dr. Hunt of the New York Book Concern was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. H. B. Ridgeway of the Garrett Bibical Institute and the Rev. K. G. Kenney of the Northern New York Conference, were introduced.

On motion of Dr. J. M. Ried, the two committees on the churches of Bellaire and White Cloud were combined with Dr. Reid as chairman.

Dr. Earl Cranston addressed the Conference concerning the interests of the Western Book Concern.

The result of the ballot was amended as follows: Whole number of votes cast 187, necessary to a choice 94, of which W. I. Cogshall received 122, and he was declared duly elected.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for the remaining delegate.

Jas. Hamilton presented a statement concerning the Dissette Fund, showing about $1,100 in the hands of the committee and Presiding Elders, to be expended in the purchase of a lot and the erection of a house for Mrs. Dissette at Albion.

The third question was taken up. The following probationers were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections; having passed their examination and being favorably represented by their Presiding Elders, they were continued on trial and advanced to the class of the second year: Alfred F. Hart, Wm. C. Muffit, John C. Chase, Milo M. Miner, George Killeen, Wm. H. B. Urch, Charles H. Theobald, Thomas Tindall, Alexander T. Luther

Albert G. Smith, now under appointment as a Missionary to South America, was continued in the class of the first year.

August F. Nagler and Ira F. Scott not appearing for examination were continued in the class of the first year.

A. E. North was, on motion discontinued.

The tellers having come in, the result of the ballot was announced, as follows: Whole number of ballots cast 190, necessary to a choice 86; of which John C. Floyd received 114, and he was declared elected the sixth delegate to the General Conference.

A ballot was ordered for two reserve delegates.

J. W. Hallenback introduced the following resolution, which was, on motion, made the order for Monday at 11 A. M.:

WHEREAS: The Michigan Conference has, under the Providence of God, become so large that it has become difficult, if not impossible, to obtain entertainment for its Annual Sessions, and the size of the territory makes travelling an expensive burden to very many of its members, therefore,

Resolved, That we do respectfully petition the General Conference, at its next session, to organize its territory into two Conferences along such a line as the majority of the members of the Conference shall determine by ballot.

J. W. HALLENBECK,
J. K. STARK,
L. C. BARNHART,
LEVI MASTER,
G. C. DRAPER.

Question 13 was taken up. The following brethren were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections. After being favorably reported by the Examining Committee and Presiding Elder, they were advanced to the class of Deacons of the second class: Merritt F. Loomis, Wm. H. Parsons, Wm. M. Puffer, Robert N. Middleton, Thomas Cox, Edmund B. Patterson.

The following brethren were called, their characters passed, and they were contiuned in the list of Traveling Deacons of the First class: Thomas Young, Wm. A. Frye, Arthur M. Griffith.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to leave A. M. Griffith without appointment to attend school.

The 14th question was taken up and the following Deacons of the Second class were called, their characters passed, and collections reported, they were reported favorably by the committee of Examination and Presiding Elders and elected to Elders' orders: George B. Kulp, John C. Beach, Daniel W. Fow and Wm. Denman.

James W. McAllister, Wm. Judd and Edward G. Stevens were continued Deacons of the Second class.

J. M. Buckley, D. D., editor of the *Christian Advocate* was introduced to the Conference.

W. H. Thompson offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we most heartily invite the Michigan Annual Conference of the United Brethren church, to send to this body annually, a Fraternal delegate.

W. H. TAOMPSON,
WM. J. SWIFT,
S. STEELE,
G. W. TUTHILL.

Question 10 was taken up, and Joseph P. McCarthy, Wm. H. B. Urch, Robert M. Young, Daniel B. Schofield and the Indian Brothers, John Jacobs and John Kewaygeshik, local preachers, having been favorably reported by the Examining Committee and Presiding Elders were elected to Deacons' orders.

D. B. Schofield having failed in a portion of the studies, was, on motion, required to read the books in the course of study for local deacons.

The tellers returned and the result of the ballot was reported as follows: Whole number of votes cast 170; necessary to a choice 86; A. P. Moors having received 118 was declared elected first reserve delegate to the General Conference.

A ballot was taken for second alternate.

The Hon. Daniel Striker of Hastings, and the Hon. R. A. Peeler of Three Rivers, the lay delegates elect to the General Conference, were presented to the Bishop by L. R. Atwater, chairman of the Electoral Conference, and introduced to the Conference.

Question 17 was taken up. Orrin G. Whitman having been properly recommended and reported by the Examining committee and Presiding Elders was elected to Elders' orders.

A resolution concerning Conference entertainment was introduced by W. Gardner and on motion, was laid on the table. (See afternoon session.)

The tellers returned and the result of the ballot was reported as follows: Whole number of votes cast 163; necessary to a choice 83; James Hamilton having received 116, was declared elected second reserve delegate to General Conference.

It was moved that when the Conference adjourn it adjourn to meet at 2 P. M.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, addressed the Conference.

The time was extended.

T. H. Jacokes was appointed to preside at the afternoon session.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned after the Doxology and benediction.

AFTFRNOON SESSION.

The Conference met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. T. H. Jacokes in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by O. E. Wightman.

A. M. Gould, chairman of the committee to audit the accounts of Kalkaska church, presented the report of that committee which was laid on the table.

A. M. Gould presented the report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

On motion the Treasurer of the Conference was ordered to pay to the different benevolent societies the money in his possession belonging to those societies.

L. Master presented the report of the committee on Periodicals, which was adopted. (See Report.)

R. Shorts presented the report of the committee on Freedmen's Aid Society, which was adopted. (See Report.)

Dr. J. M. Reid read a memorial on the death of Bishop Harris, which, after short addresses by several brethren, was adopted by a rising vote, and the Secretary was requested to send a copy of the memorial to the family of Bishop Harris.

Resolved, That the Michigan Annual Conference, which had anticipated great pleasure in rejoicing with Bishop William L. Harris at this session of the body, the fiftieth since they enjoyed the honor of receiving him as a probationer, are now truly bereaved in that they shall see his face no more; but we also rejoice in blessed memories of his spotless and energetic life, and in the precious words of resignation and triumph that made the last weeks of his stay on earth truly glorious.

Resolved, That we will ever appreciate the wisdom in counsel, the integrity and independence of our departed Bishop, and the tireless energy with which he prosecuted the duties of the high station to which he was called, being manifestly actuated by a generous devout zeal for the enlargement and spread of the Redeemer's Kingdom and by the unfaltering love of the doctrins and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, counting no labor or sacrifice too great if he could glorify his Master and build up the Church of his choice.

Resolved, That we sincerely and deeply sympathize with his bereaved family in their great loss, and that our prayers ascend to our God and their God, the blessed Heavenly Father of us all, that his everlasting arms may be underneath and round about them and in the end gather them to their own that they may be an unbroken family circle in the presence of God.

J. M. REID,
WASHINGTON GARDNER,
A. M. GOULD.

The resolution of W. Gardner concerning Conference entertainment, which was laid on the table during the morning session was taken from the table and passed, as follows:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be a Standing Committee on Conference entertainment, whose duty it shall be to receive propositions, if any, of entertainment, and submit the same to the Conference, for action at such time in the session as they shall deem best.

WASHINGTON GARDNER,
D. W. PARSONS,
A. M. GOULD,
S. L. HAMILTON,
A. HUNSBERGER.

M. M. Callen presented the report of the committee on Temperance, which, after some debate was adopted by a rising vote. (See Report.)

Conference then adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

SUNDAY, Sept. 11.

The Conference assembled for the Annual Lovefeast at 9 A. M., which was conducted by F. B. Bangs.

At 10 A. M. J. M. Buckley, D. D., preached from 2d Timothy 4:5, after which Richard W. Tindall, Judson D. Clancy, Arthur

H. Sturgis, Gould E. Matthews, Robert J. Floody, Robert A. Wright, Wm. J. Douglass, and Howard C. Chamberlain, Traveling preachers, and Joseph P. McCarthy, Robert M. Young, Wm. H. B. Urch, Daniel B. Schofield, John Jacobs, and John Keway-geshik, Local preachers, were by Bishop Ninde, ordained Deacons in the Church of God.

The session closed with the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 3 P. M. for a memorial session, A. M. Gould conducting the exercises.

After devotional exercises, the following memoirs of our deceased workers were presented:

Memoir of Mrs. L. E. Lennox by M. D. Carrel; of Mrs. E. Wygle by L. Master; of Mrs E. A. Tanner by D. F. Barnes; remarks relative to Geo. C. Palmer, a Local preacher, of Eagle, Mich., by Wm. M. Coplin; memoir of Rev. E. H. Dissette by Jas. Hamilton, with remarks by W. H. Brockway; of Rev. A. M. Fitch by A. J. Eldred; of Rev. J. P. Force by G. W. Gosling; and of H. M. Joy, D. D., transferred at the last session to the Northwest Indiana Conference, by A. M. Gould, which was followed by remarks by R. C. Crawford, Dr. J. M. Reid and Bishop Ninde.

After which Bishop Ninde, assisted by W. H. Brockway, E. H. Day, J. A. Sprague, A. J. Eldred and T. C. Gardner of the Detroit Conference ordained to the office of Elder in the Church of God the following brethren: Geo. B. Kulp, John C. Beach, Wm. Denman, Daniel W. Fow, and Orrin G. Whitman.

T. C. Gardner pronounced the benediction, and session adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY, Sept. 12.

Conference met at 8:15 A. M. I. Wilson conducted the devotional exercises. At 8:30 Bishop Ninde took the chair.

The Minutes of the sessions of Saturday and Sunday were read and approved.

W. H. Brockway introduced the following resolution which, after remarks by several brethren, was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Conference at its next session be respectfully, but earnestly, requested to restore to the Michigan Conference all the territory in the Lower Peninsula lying west of the principal meridian of the state.

Resolved, That our delegates to the General Conference be instructed to use their best endeavors to secure to us the said restoration.

W. H. BROCKWAY,
S. STEELE.

President L. R. Fiske addressed the Conference in the interests of Albion College.

Dr. H. B. Ridgeway addressed the Conference relative to Garrett Bibical Institute.

A. F. Hart and G. Daniels were made a committee to solicit subscriptions toward the Memorial Fund of Garrett Bibical Institute.

The Secretary presented Bills of Expenses of the Conference Officers. A collection was taken to defray such expenses, amounting to $24.43.

The Rev. J. W. Schumacher of the North Alabama Conference, M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the Conference.

The following resolution was offered by C. G. Thomas, and was, on motion, adopted, and the Secretary was requested to forward a copy to Bro. Cole :

INASMUCH : As our dear brother, G. L. Cole, who has been an earnest and successful laborer among us for the last 18 years, goes to the Pacific Coast by transfer, therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we regret the necessity of this removal, yet our best wishes shall accompany him and his beloved family, and we will most devoutly pray that he may be eminently successful in his new field of labor. And, second, if in the Providence of God, our dear brother should ever return to us, we will gladly welcome him, yea more, we will rejoice in his return to this, his first love.

C. G. THOMAS,
I. R. A. WIGHTMAN.

Question 33 was taken up, and Muskegon, St. Joseph and Greenville were nominated, and on motion, St. Joseph was selected as the place for the next Conference session.

The hour of the special order concerning the memorial to the General Conference on division of the Conference having arrived, the resolution of J. W. Hallenbeck was taken up and read. W. Gardner offered the following substitute :

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Conference a division of the Detroit and Michigan Conferences on the base and meridian line is the most natural and equitable, and we recommend that they be so divided.

On motion, the speakers were limited to five minutes.

Several brethren addressed the Conference, when W. H. Brockway offered the following as a substitute for the substitute of W. Gardner :

Resolved, That we recommend the division of Michigan Conference into two Conferences, on the line of the north line of Clinton county from the principal meridian to Lake Michigan.

Rev. T. C. Gardner of the Detroit Conference was invited to speak as to the views of his Conference.

Several brethren spoke to the question when, on motion, the substitute of W. H. Brockway was lost.

D. F. Barnes then read the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, (1) That it is the sense of this Conference that we should divide the Conference on some line to be hereafter agreed upon; (2) that the Bishop be requested to appoint a committee to consider lines and report at the morning session.

The following were announced as the committee on Conference boundaries: J. M. Reid J. K. Stark and A. M. Gould.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a memorial to the next General Conference in the interest of the Conference claimants looking to making this great cause constitutional, in harmony with the entire concept of our church and the system and usages of Methodism; and report their action before the final adjournment of this Conference.

JAS. W. REID,
W. I. COGSHALL,
JAMES HAMILTON.

The Bishop announced as such committee, Jas. W. Reid, W. Gardner and J. Graham.

It was moved and carried that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2:30 P. M.

R. C. Crawford was appointed to preside and G. C. Draper to lead the devotional exercises of the afternoon session.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned, after the benediction by L. W. Earl.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2:30 pursuant to adjournment, R. C. Crawford in the chair; G. C. Draper conducting the devotional exercises.

The reading of the Minutes of the morning session was, on motion, postponed until to-morrow morning.

On motion, the committee on Kalkaska church were discharged, and the papers ordered to be placed in the hands of the Presiding Elder of Grand Traverse district.

G. C. Draper read the report of the committee on the state of the church, which was adopted. (See Report.)

G. C. Draper moved to discontinue the committee on the state of the church, which was, on motion, laid on the table.

J. W. Miller presented the report of the committee on Sunday Schools, which was adopted. (See Report.)

J. Graham presented the report of the committee on Education, which was adopted. (See Report.)

On motion of W. H. Brockway, the Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of the Conference for the following persons for trustees of Albion College: For full term, James W. Sheldon of Albion, and Levi Master. To fill vacancy, M. R. Bissell of Grand Rapids.

C. L. Barnhart presented the report of the committee on nominations of Standing committees, which was amended and adopted. (See Standing Committees.)

E. S. McChesney introduced the following resolution, which after amendment, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS: In the economy of the Methodist Episcopal Church the largest part of the membership, composing the laity, are not represented in the local affairs, nor in the legislative body of the church, therefore,

Resolved, That we memorialize the next General Conference to consider and provide for the election of Lay Delegates by the membership of the church.

E. S. MCCHESNEY,
M. M. CALLEN,
W. M. PUFEER,
GEORGE S. HICKEY,
W. H. THOMPSON.

M. D. Carrel presented the report of the special committee on the revision of the Minutes, which was adopted. (See Report.)

On motion of M. D. Carrel, L. DeLamarter, I. R. A. Wightman and J. W. Reid were made a committee to have charge of the Conference register named in the above report.

Announcements made and the Conference adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY.

TUESDAY, Sept. 13.

Conference met at 8 o'clock A. M. Thirty minutes were spent in devotional services, led by S. Kitzmiller. At 8:30 A. M., W. H. Brockway took the chair.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following was introduced by W. I. Cogshall, which was adopted:

WHEREAS: Rev. C. N. Coulter was, until the last session of this body, an elder in the Presbyterian church, and

WHEREAS: At that session he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and his orders as an elder were recognized, and

WHEREAS: No record of this action appears upon our journal of last year and no certificate was furnished Brother Coulter by the presiding Bishop,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish Brother Coulter with a certificate of the facts in the case, and that this resolution be spread upon the journal.

W. I. COGSHALL,
D. F. BARNES.

J. W. Hallenbeck moved a committee be appointed as required by the report of the committee on the state of the church on written examinations. The following is the committee: J. W. Hallenbeck, W. J. Swift, E. L. Kellogg.

J. K. Stark read the report of the committee on boundary lines.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of boundary lines, in case the Conference should be divided, submit the following report:

We recommend that commencing on Lake Michigan, we follow the 43d parallel east to the principal meridian, thence north to the Straits of Mackinaw. Grand Rapids to be in the north and Ionia in the south Conference. This would place 14 counties with 137 charges and 20,444 members in the south and 28 counties, with 130 charges, and 11,986 members in the north.

On motion of J. K. Stark, the speakers were limited to five minutes.

L. Master moved to amend by inserting the words after the word "Mackinaw," "if no division can be secured of the Detroit and Michigan Conferences on the base and meridian lines."

J. I. Buell offered the following as a substitute for the whole matter.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that no division is practicable except on the basis of a division of the two conferences into three conferences.

M. M. Callen offered as a substitute for J. I. Buell's substitute the following:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the present boundary lines are satisfactory for the present.

The substitute was adopted.

G. S. Hickey then introduced the following:

Resolved, That we respectfully memorialize the General Conference to pass an enabling act whereby the Michigan Conference shall have the power to divide its territory at such a time and with such boundaries as it may deem feasible.

GEO. S. HICKEY,
LEVI MASTER.

which was carried by a count vote of 62 to 40.

The eighteenth question was taken up. The following were called, their characters passed and they were continued supernumeraries: E. Wygle, James Draper, N. D. Marsh, R. Pengelly, S. M. Merritt, Thos. Lyon, B. W. Smith, Wm. Riley, J. H. Hopkins, W. S. Sly, W. S. Tilden, F. I. Bell, G. E. Hollister, A. Potter, W. Barrett, J. T. Hill, H. P. Henderson.

G. E. Hollister and S. Kitzmiller were made effective.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to write to B. W. Smith to require that he send the usual certificate to the next Conference session on penalty of location.

W. S. Tilden was granted permission to withdraw from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, he having surrendered his parchments.

The character of A. A. Rolfe passed, and his relation was changed from supernumerary to superanuate.

The Bishop presented a letter from L. Bathrick containing his parchments and announcing his withdrawal from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His character passed and he was given permission to withdraw.

The 19th question was called, and the following superanuates were called, their characters passed and they were continued: J. T. Robe, G. A. VanHorn, H. Morgan, J. H. Pitezel, I. Bennett, J. H. Richards, J. W. Cawthorne, A. C. Beach, A. A. Dunton, J. W. Hollowell, A. Wakefield, F. Glass, I. H. Skinner, T. Clark, C. Chick, L. J. Griffin, G. W. Hoag, J. S. Harder, L. M. Bennett, W. W. Johnson, G. S. Hicks, F. B. Bangs, B. S. Mills, B. S. Pratt, C. T. VanAntwerp, E. Marble, S. Steele, D. S. Haviland, S. C. Woodard, N. L. Brockway, C. H. Howe.

The characters of the following were passed and their relation was changed from superanuate to supernumerary: C. B. Holding, D. M. Ward, A. E. Ketcham.

The character of J. M. Robinson passed and he was allowed to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal church, to unite with the Congregational church.

On motion of J. K. Stark the Secretary was authorized to ask for the return of the parchments of J. M. Robinson as soon as he shall have united with the church to which he goes.

L. M. Edmunds moved that:

WHEREAS: The names of G. W. Chapin and D. R. Latham have been inadvertantly omitted from the list of superanuates, it is hereby

Resolved, That they be restored to that list.

The motion prevailed.

On motion, the character of each passed, their relation was changed to supernumerary and the Secretary was instructed to request them to locate.

R. H. Bready was granted a supernumerary relation.

J. Hamilton presented the name of C. C. Olds and asked for him a superanuated relation. This venerable brother addressed the Conference and the request was granted.

The second question was called. The following were introduced to the Conference, reported by the Presiding Elders and the Examining Committee, and were received on trial: Norman E. Gibbs, Jacob Ruoff, William Barth, William F. Harding, J. Edgar Arney, Charles J. Sonnema, Albert S. Williams, Thomas R. Rible, William D. Rowland, Robert M. Young, Granger D. Chase, Harry P. Rankin, James S. Montgomery, Levi Aler and Irving Eagle.

John Dobson was admitted on trial, on credentials from the Primitive Methodist church of Canada. On motion, the literary examinations were waived in his case.

John H. Bennett, from the Methodist church of Canada, was received on trial, and advanced to the class of the second year.

The sixth question was taken up. Jas. Hamilton presented the credentials of Isaac W. Peach, an elder in the Congregational church. He was called before the Conference, answered the usual questions, when on motion, his orders were recognized, and he was received into full membership.

William Jennings and Robt. Bramfitt from the New Foundland Conference of the Methodist church of Canada, having presented their credentials were, on motion, received into full connection in the Conference.

The Bishop presented a communication from the General Conference of 1884, concerning a change of representation in the General Conference. The change was submitted to the Conference and a vote was taken, resulting as follows: For the change, 0; against the change 72.

Also the following communication from the Commission on General Conference Entertainment.

To the Bishop and Members of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held at Bay View, Michigan, commensing Sept. 7, 1887:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Permit us again to call your attention to the action of the last General Conference touching the matter of General Conference entertainment. It was ordered that "*the amount required for General Conference expenses shall be apportioned to each Annual Conference at its second session in the ensuing quadrennium, and divided by the Conference, first among the Presiding Elders' Districts, and then among the charges, and the collection reported to the next ensuing Annual Conference, leaving the fourth year for the collection of arrears, should there be any.*"

The amount apportioned to the Michigan Annual Conference in pursuance to this action is $1488.00. The amount received by us to date is $421.52, leaving a balance of $1066.48 still due from your Conference.

It is very important that the *entire amount* of this balance be raised, and we trust that the reports of pastors at your present session may show that it has been raised. The Commission of General Conference Entertainment, having apportioned only the amount needed, will be greatly embarrassed if there is finally a deficiency in collections.

If it is ascertained that the full amount apportioned to your Conference has not been raised, will you not adopt such measures as to you may seem best to secure the balance before the meeting of the General Conference in May next? Believing that you will do this, we are

Fraternally yours,
M. D'C. CRAWFORD, *Chairman.*
HOMER EATON, *Secretary.*
J. M. PHILLIPS, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, August 1, 1887.

P. J. Maveety moved that the Presiding Elders be instructed to assess the deficiency alluded to upon the charges, pro rata to their failure to meet their appointments.

Moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at half-past two this afternoon.

Announcements were made. Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met 2:30 P. M. R. C. Crawford in the chair. T. Clark led the devotional services.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

W. Gardner read the report of the committee on Parsonages. (See Report.)

Geo. W. Gosling read a report of the Mission Auditing committee. Adopted.

L. M. Edmunds read a report of the Conference Stewards, which was accepted, amended and on motion of W. H. Thompson, adopted as a whole. (See Report.)

L. M. Edmunds asked to be excused from serving on the Board of Stewards, and on motion, D. W. Parson's name was substituted for his on the Board of Stewards.

The Statistical Secretary was authorized to provide a trunk suitable for the keeping of the papers in his hands, and present his bill at the next Conference.

Moved when we adjourn we do so to meet at 7 o'clock.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 7 o'clock P. M. E. H. Day conducting the devotional services. R. C. Crawford in the chair.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected and approved.

W. H. Thompson read the report of the committee on the Bible Cause.

The Rev. A. J. Mead, D. D., Superintendent of the American Bible Society for Michigan and Wisconsin, addressed the Conference on behalf of the Society, after which the report was adopted. (See Report.)

M. D. Carrel read the report of the committee on the Joslyn-Perrine Monument Fund. The report was accepted and adopted. (See Report.)

The sum of $40.00 was raised to meet the balance due.

On motion of J. W. Reid, the thanks of the Conference were tendered by rising vote to M. D. Carrel, N. L. Bray and G. L. Cole for their ceaseless and successful efforts in promoting the erection of the Joslyn-Perrine Monument.

A. M. Gould nominated D. C. Rhiel a trustee of the Northwestern University, and he was elected.

W. Gardner presented a verbal report of the joint committee on the Bellaire and the White Cloud churches; showing there needs to be $800.00, and recommending that an effort be made to raise for the two churches the sum of $600; further that $300 be now raised in cash, or pledged, to give immediate relief to the Bellaire church; the subscription to be paid before Jan. 1, 1888.

The sum of $376.50 was subscribed, and the report was adopted.

G. L. Haight read the report of the committee on Conference Claimants, which was adopted. (See Report.)

J. W. Reid read the report of the committee on memorial to the General Conference relative to Conference Claimants.

The report was accepted and adopted. (See Report.)

The Bishop now took the chair.

A. J. Wheeler presented the Statistical report, which was, on motion, accepted without reading and ordered printed.

W. I. Cogshall read the report of the committee on Missions, which was adopted. (See Report.)

E. T. Lumber presented the Treasurer's report, which was accepted without reading and ordered printed. (See Report.)

The Bishop announced the nominations for the Committees of Examination for the next year, also the names of the Triers of Appeals, (see page 4,) also the nominations for Officers and Managers of the Conference Board of Church Extension (see page 5,) which were, on motion, confirmed.

The relation of John Hills was changed from effective to superanuate.

The Bishop announced the following transfers to this Conference: James Allen from Missouri Conference, and Albert Smith from Wisconsin Conference.

A. A. Knappen moved that the Bishop be requested to appoint J. H. Potts, D. D., editor of the *Michigan Christian Advocate.*

On motion, the Bishop was requested to leave R. J. Floody, J. J. Hartley, Jacob Ruoff, A. H. Gamble, William Barth, A. M. Griffith, L. B. Kenyon, A. H. Gamble, R. A. Wright and W. H. B. Urch, without appointment to attend school.

M. D. Carrel offered the following, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered the railroad companies for the very generous rates given us by them in our long journey to and from the Conference.

M. D. CARREL,
W. A. HUNSBERGER.

G. C. Draper offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks to the people of Petoskey and Bay View for the hospitable manner in which they have opened their cottages for our comfort during our stay in their midst.

G. C. DRAPER,
A. M. GOULD,
C. L. BARNHART.

D. C. Riehl introduced the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS: Certain members of the Conference have carefully and faithfully performed certain onerous and difficult labors during the Conference session, therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to our Secretary, Statistical Secretary and

Treasurer and all their assistants a hearty vote of thanks, and manifest the same by rising.

D. C. RIEHL,
W. I. COGSHALL,
A. M. GOULD.

D. F. Barnes moved a vote of appreciation of the presence and presidency of Bishop W. X. Ninde, with the hope that, in the Providence of God, he may return to us often in the future.

It was moved that after the reading of the journal, and the appointments, the Conference adjourn without day.

The journal was read and approved, the Bishop announced the appointments, the Doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned after the benediction by Bishop Ninde.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?*

A. H.Gamble, from the South India Conference, and Alexander T. Luther, a probationer of the second class from the Rock River Conference. James Allen, from the Missouri Conference, and Albert Smith, from the Wisconsin Conference.

2. *Who are Admitted on Trial?*

August F. Nagler, Ira A. Scott, Norman E. Gibbs, Jacob Ruoff, William Barth, William F. Harding, J. Edgar Arney, Charles J. Sonnema, Albert S. Williams, Thomas R. Rible, William D. Rowland, Robert M. Young, John Dobson, Granger D. Chase, Harry P. Rankin, James S. Montgomery, Levi Aler, Martin W. Snyder, Irvin Eagle.

3. *Who Remain on Trial?*

Geo. H. Lockhart, Frank F. Bliss, Arthur K. Stewart, Alfred E. Craig, Delbert L. Thomas, Luther B. Kenyon, Alfred F. Hart, Wm. C. Muffitt, John C. Chase, Albert G. Smith, Milo M. Miner, Geo. Killeen, William H. B. Urch, DeForest Ellsworth, Thomas Tindall, Alexander T. Luther, John H. Bennett.

4. *Who are Discontinued?*

A. E. North.

5. *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?*

Robert W. Tindall, Albert W. Bushee, Judson Clancy, Seward C. Tiney, Arthur H. Sturgis, Gould E. Mathews, Robert J. Floody, Robert A. Wright, Thomas Nicholson, William J. Douglass, Howard C. Chamberlain, Fayette L. Thompson.

6. *Who are Re-admitted?*

None.

7. *Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?*

Isaac W. Peach from the Congregational Church, William Jennings and Robert Bramfitt from the New Foundland Conference of the Methodist Church.

8. *What Traveling Preachers have been Elected Deacons?*

Richard W. Tindall, Judson V. Clancy, Arthur H. Sturgis, Gould E. Mathews, Robert J. Floody, Robert A. Wright, Wm. J, Douglass, Howard C. Chamberlain.

9. *What Traveling Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?*

Richard W. Tindall, Judson V. Clancy, Arthur H. Sturgis, Gould E. Mathews, Robert J. Floody, Robert A. Wright, Wm. J. Douglass, Howard C. Chamberlain.

10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

Joseph P. Mc Carthy, Robert M. Young, William H. B. Urch, Daniel B. Scofield, John Jacobs, John Kewaygeshik.

11. *What Local Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?*

Joseph P. McCarthy, Robert M. Young, William H. B. Urch, Daniel B. Scofield, John Jacobs, John Kewaygeshik.

12. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?*

Thomas Young, Arthur M. Griffith, William A. Frye, Richard W. Tindall, Judson V. Clancy, Arthur H. Sturgis, Gould E. Matthews, Robert J. Floody, Robert A. Wright, William J. Douglass, Howard C. Chamberlain.

13. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*

Merrit F. Loomis, William H. Parsons, William M. Puffer, Robert N. Middleton, Thomas Cox, Edmund B. Patterson, James W. McAllister, Wm. Judd, Edward G. Stevens.

14. *What Traveling Deacons have been Elected Elders?*

Geo. B. Kulp, John C. Beach, William Denman, Daniel W. Fow.

15. *What Traveling Deacons have been Ordained Elders?*

Geo. B. Kulp, John C. Beach, William Denman, Daniel W. Fow.

16. *What Local Deacons have been Elected Elders?*

Orrin G. Whitman.

17. *What Local Deacons have been Ordained Elders?*

Orrin G. Whitman.

18. *Who are the Supernummerary Preachers?*

Robert H. Bready, C. C. Dawkins, J. Marzolf, C. W. Jones, W. P. Frye, C. B. Holding, D. M. Ward, A. E. Ketcham, G. W. Chapin, D. R. Latham, E. Wigle, N. D. Marsh, Jas. Draper, R. Pengelly, S. M. Merritt, Thos. Lyon, B. W. Smith, Wm. Riley, J. H. Hopkins, W. S. Sly, F. I. Bell, A. Potter, W. Barrett, T. J. Hill, H. P. Henderson.

19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

I. Taylor, R. C. Crawford, F. J. Freeman, A. A. Rolfe, C. C. Olds, J. T. Robe, G. A. Van Horn, H. Morgan, J. H. Pitezel, I. Bennett, J. H. Richards, J. W. Cawthorne, A. C. Beach, A. A. Dunton, J. W. Hollowell, F. Glass, I. H. Skinner, T. Clark, C. Chick, L. J. Griffin, G. W. Hoag, J. S. Harder, L. M. Bennett, W. W. Johnson, G. S. Hicks, D. M. Ward, F. B. Bangs, B. S. Mills, B. S. Pratt. C. T. Van Antwerp, E. Marble, S. Steele, D. S. Haviland, N. L. Brockway, C. H. Howe, E. D. Bacon, S. C. Woodard, John Hoyt, A. Wakefield, J. Hills.

20. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?

This was carefully done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

21. Have any Died?

Elijah H. Dissette, Andrew M. Fitch, James P. Force.

22. Have any been Transferred and to what Conference?

J. M. Smith, and Geo. L. Cole to the Southern California Conference.

23. Have any Withdrawn?

Linus Bathrick, James M. Robinson, W. L. Tilden.

24. Have any been Located at their own Request?

None.

25. Have any been Located?

None.

26. Have any been permitted to Withdraw under Charges?

R. C. Wilkinson.

27. Have any been Expelled?

None.

28. Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?

W. Gardner, W. J. Aldrich, A. A. Knappen, E. S. Mc Chesney, J. W. Hallenbeck, J. K. Stark, D. O. Ball.

29. What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?

See Statistics.

30. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

See Steward's Report.

31. What has been Received on the Claims and how has it been applied?

See Steward's Report.

32. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See Appointments.

33. Where shall the next Conference be held?

At St. Joseph.

APPOINTMENTS.

[The figures indicate the year of service now entered upon.]

ALBION DISTRICT—I. R. A. WIGHTMAN, P. E., 1.

Albion, W. Gardner	1
Battle Creek, Jas. Hamilton	1
Bellevue, L. M. Edmonds	1
Concord, Thomas Cox	1
Eden, supplied by H. S. Skinner	
Hanover and Moscow, D. W. Parsons	2
Homer, W. W. Rork	1
Jackson—	
Cooper Street, supplied by Jacob Clancy	
First Church, G. S. Hickey	1
Haven Church, Judson V. Clancy	1
Leroy, J. Berry	2
Leslie, J. Webster	1
Liberty, W. P. Mosher	3
Litchfield, A. N. Eldred	2
Marengo, E. Cooley	2
Marshall, W. R. Stinchcomb	1
Mosherville, M. W. F. Smith	1
Olivet and Partello, J. W. White	1
Parma, W. M. Coplin	2
Pinfield, M. F. Loomis	1
Springport, J. Clubine	1
Tekonsha, G. W. Tuthill	
Tompkins, supplied by W. Taylor.	

R. C. Welch, Professor in Albion College and Member of Albion Quarterly Conference.

W. H. Brockway, Agent Albion College and Member of Albion Quarterly Conference.

J. H. Potts, Editor *Michigan Christian Advocate*, and Member of Jackson First Church Quarterly Conference.

COLDWATER DISTRICT—N. L. BRAY, P. E., 1.

Allen, A. Hunsberger	2
Athens, sup. by W. J. Tarrant	
Bronson, L. S. Matthews	1
Burlington, D. L. Thomas	
Burr Oak, Wm. M. Paddock,	1
Butler, sup. by W. T. Belfrey	
Cambria, W. C. Muffitt	1
Camden, R. M. Young	1
Centerville, J. F. Orwick	1
Coldwater, W. A. Hunsberger	2
Colon, E. D. Young	1
Constantine, S. C. Strickland	3
Gilead, sup. by S. George	
Girard, T. Nicholson	2
Hillsdale, G. C. Draper	1
Jonesville, L. W. Earl	1
Kinderhook, sup. by J. R. Skinner	
North Adams, L. E. Lennox	2
Osseo, A. Potter	1
Quincy, E. L. Kellogg	2
Ransom, sup. by M. J. Brownell	
Reading, J. T. Iddings	1
Sturgis, W. Denman	1
Union City, J. W. H. Carlisle	1
White Pigeon, J. Klose	1
Wheatland, to be supplied	

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—D. F. BARNES, P. E., 3.

Allegan, E. S. McChesney	2
Augusta, W. A. Bass	2
Banfield, D. W. Fow	2
Bloomingdale, O. S. Paddock	2
Climax, L. W. Calkins	1
Comstock, W. F. Harding	
Cooper, C. H. Fisher	2
Douglass, to be supplied	
Fennville, R. N. Middleton	1
Galesburg, H. Bargelt	2
Goblesville, sup. by Arthur Trott	
Kalamazoo—	
First Church, L. Master	1
Simpson Church, E. T. Lumber,	2
Kendall, R. W. Tindall	1
Lacota, R. Shire	1
Martin, S. D. McKee	1
Mendon, E. V. Armstrong	2
Mill Grove, sup. by I. W. Wallace	
Monteray, J. C. Chase	1
Oshtemo, E. H. Day	3
Otsego, G. B. Kulp	1
Parkville, George Donaldson	2
Plainwell, J. W. Rawlinson	1
Prairieville, O. H. Perry	1
Portage, sup. by Samuel Trewin	
Richland, S. Kitzmiller	1
Saugatuck, to be supplied	
Schoolcraft, W. J. Maybee	2
South Haven, A. T. Ferguson	1
Three Rivers, J. W. Reid	3
Vicksburgh, H. B. Hunt	3
Waukeshma, E. G. Stevens	2
Notawa, Bradley and Indian Mission, sup. by John Walker	

NILES DISTRICT—W. I. COGSHALL, P. E., 2.

Bangor and Breedsville, W. H. Parsons	1
Benton Harbor, E. B. Patterson	1
Berrien Springs, W. J. Hathaway	2
Buchanan, S. L. Hamilton	2
Cassopolis, I. Wilson	1
Coloma and Watervleit, G. A. Buell	1
Dayton and Galien, J. R. Oden	1
Decatur, J. White	2
Dowagiac, C. G. Thomas	2
Eau Claire and Pipestone, to be supplied	
Edwardsburg, H. C. Chamberlain	1
Hartford, W. W. Lamport	2
Keeler and Silver Creek, G. W. Gosling	3
Lawton, U. Mason	3
Lawrence, W. N. Younglove	1
Marcellus, W. Prouty	2
Mattawan, G. C. Elliott	1
New Buffalo and Three Oaks, W. J. Wilson	1
Niles, A. A. Knappen	1
Paw Paw, J. H. Tanner	3
Pokagon, E. Tench	1
St. Joseph, M. D. Carrel	1
Stevensville, J. E. Arney	1
Vandalia, C. S. Fox	1

J. M. Reid, D. D., Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society M. E. Church, Member Niles Quarterly Conference.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—J. I. BUELL, P. E., 3.

Ada, J. H. Bennett	1
Ashland, sup by David M. Howie	
Berlin and Lamont, J. B. Knott	1
Byron and Dorr, J. W. Horner	2
Caledonia, A. S. Williams	1
Cannonsburg, sup by H. S. McNutt	
Casnovia, G. E. Hollister	2
Cedar Springs, J. W. Davids	1
Coopersville, J. E. White	1
Grand Haven, Wm. Jennings	1
Grand Rapids—	
Ames Church, J. G. Crozier	1
Division Street, John Graham	3
East Street, Delos Cronk	1
Plainfield Ave., W. M. Puffer	3
Second Street, J. A. Sprague	3
Grandville, A. K. Stewart	1
Hastings, Geo. D. Lee	2
Hastings Circuit, W. G. Rowland	1
Holland, H. D. Jordan	3
Irving, M. M. Miner	1
Middleville, T. T. George	1
Muskegon, W. J. Aldrich	3
Newaygo, J. W. Buell	1
North Muskegon, C. J. Sonnema	1
Nunica, to be supplied	
Ravenna, Thomas R. Rible	1
Rockford, Geo. Varion	3
Sparta, A. J. Wheeler	2
Spring Lake, W. A. Frye	1
Wayland, J. N. Dayton	2
West Olive, to be supplied	

A. H. Gillett, Agent *Sunday School Union* for the South and West; Member Division Street Quarterly Conference.

IONIA DISTRICT—A. P. MOORS, P. E., 3.

Belding, Norman E. Gibbs	1
Bowne, A. R. Keillor	1
Carson City, E. H. King	2
Coral, J. A. Weyant	1
Danby, J. W. Arney	1
Edmore, O. J. Golden	1
Freeport, sup by I. H. Deysinger	
Greenville, L. Grosenbaugh	2
Greenville Circ't, sup by J. T. Glover	
Hubbardston, Albert Smith	1
Ionia, A. M. Gould	1
Lakeview, Wm. Judd	2
Langston, sup. by P. S. Haney	
Lowell, A. T. Luther	1
Lyons and Muir, T. H. Jacokes	2
Orange, O. E. Wightman	3
Orleans, F. A. Van De Walker	3
Palo, F. N. Janes	2
Portland, J. W. Hallenbeck	2
Saranac, D. C. Woodard	1
Sheridan, Aug. F. Nagler	2
Stanton, J. J. McAllister	2
Vergennes and Keene, A. W. Burns	3
Woodland, L. M. Garlick	2

LANSING DISTRICT—W. H. Thompson, P. E., 1.

Alma, A. F. Hart	2
Bath, W. J. Swift	2
Breckenridge, Thos. Young	2
Charlotte, C. L. Barnhart	1
Dewitt, to be supplied	
Eagle, A. H. Sturges	2
Eaton Circuit, L. B. Kenyon	1
Eaton Rapids, David Engle	1
Elm Hall, sup by Henry E. Hughes	
Elsie, G. L. Mount	2
Fowler, J. R. Bowen	1
Grand Ledge, I. W. Peach	1
Gresham, sup by E. A. Boynton	
Ithica, C. A. Jacokes	3
Lansing Central, M. M. Callen	3
Lansing First, Wm. M. Colby	1
Maple Rapids and Greenbush, I. B. Tallman	3
Mason, Louis DeLamarter	2
Nashville, Robert Bramfitt	1
Okemos, John Dobson	1
Ovid, P. J. Maveety	1
Potterville, Thos. Riley	1
St. Johns, A. D. Newton	2
St. Louis, D. C. Riehl	2
Shepardsville, R. S. McGregor	2
Sickles, J. W. McAllister	1
Vermontville, J. Thomas	1
Wacousta and Delta Center, sup by Thos. Voaden	
Winfield, J. W. Steffe	3

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—J. C. Floyd, P. E., 1.

Ashton, supplied by E. L. Odle	
Big Rapids, F. L. Thompson	2
Calkinsville and Isabella Indian Mission, supplied by J. O. Snider	2
Chase & Baldwin, G. E. Matthews	1
Chippewa Lake, supplied by J. H. Strickland	1
Clare, C. W. Smith	2
Coleman, George Killeen	1
Crystal Valley, sup by J. W. Perkins	
Evart, G. A. Odlum	1
Farwell, S. C. Tiney	1
Freesoil, M. W. Snyder	1
Fremont, James Roberts	2
Gladwin, supplied by A. H. Coors	1
Harrison, E. Treadgold	2
Hart, N. M. Steele	2
Hersey, W. J. Douglass	1
Hesperia, sup. by J. W. Sutton	
Holton, supplied by J. A. DeGraff	1
Howard City, J. S. Montgomery	1
Luther, J. C. Beach	1
Ludington—	
First Church, G. Daniels	2
4th Ward & Buttarsville, H. P. Rankin	1
Manistee, J. W. Miller	2
Millbrook, F. F. Bliss	1
Montague, H. S. Taft	2
Morley, E. F. Newell	1
Mt. Pleasant, Robert Shorts	1
Paris, Levi Aler	1
Pentwater, G. D. Chase	1
Pierson, supplied by E. L. Sinclair	
Reed City, J. K. Stark	2
Sanford, Ira A. Scott	2
Shelby, H. R. Hawley	1
Shepherd, G. H. Lockhart	2
Stanwood and Altona, supplied by C. L. Fillebrown	1
Summit & Riverton Indian Mission, C. H. Theobald	1
White Cloud, sup by J. H. Wilcox	2
Whitehall, G. L. Haight	2

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT—G. W. Sherman, P. E., 1.

Alba, supplied by Geo. Cole	
Bear Lake, sup by O. G. Whitman	
Benzonia, sup. by S. N. Cornell	
Bellaire, James Allen	1
Boyne, to be supplied	
Cadillac, J. C. Ambrose	1
Cadillac Circuit, O. D. Watkins	1
Charlevoix, to be supplied	
Cross Village, D. F. Ellsworth	1
Elk Rapids, A. J. Eldred	1
Fife Lake, D. A. Green	1
Frankfort, G. W. Howe	2
Harbor Springs, G. S. Barnes	1
Inland, supplied by E. Wood	
Ironton, supplied by J. Darrance	
Kalkaska, sup by J. F. McKinley	
Kingsley, to be supplied	
Lake City, E. A. Tanner	1
Leroy, supplied by C. N. Coulter	
Mancelona, J. Gulick	1
Manton, D. G. Bruce	1
Monroe Center, sup by L. Kinney	
Northport and Northport Indian Mission, I. Eagle	1
Norwood, B. H. Whitman	1
Oviatt, to be supplied	
Petoskey, D. O. Ball	1
Petoskey Circuit and Petoskey Indian Mission, J. R. Robinson	
Sherman, sup by A. L. Thurston	
South Arm and East Jordan, G. S. Robinson	2
Spencer Creek, A. W. Bushee	3
Stittsville, Thomas Tindall	1
Traverse City, W. Hansom	1
Traverse City Circuit, W. Heath	1
Williamsburg, S. P. Hewitt	1

Paul Desjardins, R. J. Floody, J. J. Hartley, J. Ruoff, William Barth, A. M. Griffith, L. B. Kenyon, A. H. Gamble, R. A. Wright, W. H. B. Urch and Alfred E. Craig left without appointment to attend school.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

BAY VIEW, Sept. 9, 1887.

The meeting of the Lay Delegates of the Michigan Annual Conference was called to order at 10 A. M., Sept. 9, 1887, by Hon. D. Striker of Hastings. L. R. Atwater of Grand Rapids, was made permanent Chairman, and D. W. Peabody of Hanover, Secretary.

After a Scripture lesson by the Chairman, and singing, H. H. Miller of Lake Side, led in prayer.

A committee of three on Credentials was appointed by the chair, consisting of Daniel Striker of Hastings, H. P. Rich of Ionia, and R. R. Peeler of Three Rivers.

The chair also appointed Chas. Mosher of Mosherville, J. Whitney of Allen, Samuel Roberts of Battle Creek, Wm. Sickles of Gratiot and J. G. Holliday of Grand Traverse a committee on Resolutions, who were instructed to receive all resolutions handed in and report the same to the body.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Lay Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2 P. M. with L. R. Atwater in the chair.

The committee on Credentials reported the names of delegates from the various charges.

The roll of the Conference was called and 111 responded to their names.

On motion the Conference proceeded to an informal ballot for nominations for delegates to the General Conference which resulted in bringing several names before the body. The Chairman appointed as tellers M. A. Hewitt, W. W. Bogue and J. D. Estes.

A motion prevailed that but one delegate be elected at a time. The Conference then proceeded to a formal ballot. On a second formal ballot Hon. Daniel Striker of Hastings, having received a majority of the votes cast (73) was declared elected, and on the third formal ballot Judge R. R. Peeler of Three Rivers, was by majority vote elected delegates.

Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop of Jackson and Hon. Hampton P. Rich of Ionia, were elected reserve delegates to the General Conference.

The following Memorial was presented and adopted:

MEMORIAL.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held in May, 1888:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—

WHEREAS: In years past your body has exhorted all our members to be free from the tobacco habit, and

WHEREAS: You have ordered an investigation as to whether every licensed local preacher uses tobacco, and

WHEREAS: You have required every candidate for the travelling ministry to promise to abstain wholly from tobacco, and

WHEREAS: It would be an amazing inconsistency, bordering on hypocrisy, which Methodism cannot afford to show to a self-indulgent and skeptical generation, to elect to her highest executive position any man who has scorned these advices, and whose tobacco would cost him his admission to any of our Conferences.

We respectfully, but with intense earnestness, pray that in justice and consistency you will declare the tobacco habit to be an impediment to consecration to the office of Bishop.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

PREAMBLE.

Glancing back over the history of Methodism, from its organization as a Church, we see so many evidences that the Great Head of the Church has recognized it as an agency in the carrying forward of His work, the elevation of our race, and the helping of men and women and children into the light of the Gospel of the Son of God, as a factor in the evangelization of the world, that we deem it unwise, at this period in its career, for the Church to make any wide departure from the policy it has hitherto pursued, or in the methods employed in carrying on its work. Some slight modifications might, however, possibly be made to promote the usefulness of both the clergy and laity.

WHEREAS: The right of Laymen to a representation in the Law making power of the Church has been conceeded, and

WHEREAS: In the law making body, Ministers are represented in the ratio of one to every forty-five of their number, while the Laymen by only one to several thousand of their number, therefore be it

Resolved, That steps should at once be taken to secure to the Laity a larger representation in the General Conference.

Resolved, That we regard with pleasure the special efforts made by the Michigan Annual Conference to increase the amount of collections for our worn-out preachers. We are glad to note the success of their efforts in raising the annual amount from $1,921 in 1881, to $6,662 in 1887, and we hereby pledge the Laity of Michigan Conference Methodism to a hearty support of any methods which our pastors may adopt, to still further increase the amounts to be given for the superannuates of our Conference.

WHEREAS: We, Laymen of the M. E. Church, believe that the right of the State to tax its citizens for the purpose of public education, lies in the supposed fact that education makes man a better citizen, by reason of which life and property are safer, and society receives a benefit in return for the money expended. And, whereas, we believe that science divorced from morality and religion, does not make the man a better citizen. And, whereas, we believe the Bible is the only text book of morals and religion, therefore,

Resolved, We view with alarm the efforts to drive the Bible from our common schools and institutions of learning, and that we will resist in all legitimate ways the suicidal policy.

WHEREAS: It appears that that part of our Discipline which makes provision for temperance work in our churches, is being neglected by our Ministers, therefore,

Resolved, That it is the desire of the Laity of the Church that such provision be strictly observed.

WHEREAS: Time, which tries all things, has proven that the three-year limit of the pastorate, adopted by the church in its early days, was the right policy to adopt, be it therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that such time limit be maintained.

WHEREAS, We, the Laymen of the Michigan M. E. Church, believing that the traffic in intoxicating liquors is the greatest scourge of the American people to-day, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we will wash our hands of all complicity with this accursed traffic, and be it further

Resolved, That in the fear of God, we believe it just as wicked to give license as to receive license, and that we will support with our votes no party that favors the perpetuation of this crime.

After a spirited debate, a vote prevailed to lay this last resolution on the table.

On motion, a committee of four consisting of Messrs. Rich, Bogue, Goodnow and Miller, were appointed to collect funds for the publishing of Minutes of the Proceedings of the Lay Conference.

On motion the Conference adjourned until 9 A. M. Sept. 10.

MORNING SESSION.

The Lay Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A. M. with L. R. Atwater in the chair.

After reading of Scriptures and singing, prayer was offered by the Chairman. Report of the Secretary was called for, read, accepted and adopted.

Credentials of Dr. Hayes, Lansing District; Thomas Bird, Grand Traverse District; W. H. Faxon, Lansing District, Lay Delegates, were read.

Collection for publishing the Proceedings of Lay Conference in Minutes was read and the sum of $34.92 paid in.

Resolution No. 6 was taken from the table and the following substitute offered and adopted:

Resolved, That it is the duty of every Christian man and woman to work for the promotion of the temperance cause, and to cast his or her influence for such measures, men or party, as in his or her judgment will tend most effectually to prohibit the traffic.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That it is the duty of every member of the Methodist Episcopal church to forward the cause of Prohibition by supporting the present Local Option law to the utmost of their ability.

The Conference adjourned *sine die*.

D. W. PEABODY,
Secretary.

REPORTS.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

It is now nearly 18 years since a few elect ladies met in Broomfield Street church, Boston, to devise means and measures to carry the Gospel to the heathen women, "who were not allowed to attend the ministrations of male missionaries." From that little meeting this great society for the elevation and conversion of heathen women has grown up in our church.

This society has become a power for good in the home church, in furnishing missionary literature and information, and in creating missionary sentiment and zeal.

It has touched hearts and homes, rescued children and women from ignorance and vice, built schools, hospitals, orphanages, and homes in every land traversed by the Parent Board, and lead hundreds to a saving knowledge of Christ.

It has become a helpmate indeed to the Parent Board in carrying the Gospel "to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death."

It has gleaned since its organization, without hindrance to, or interference with, any other department of the church and missionary work, $1,487,159.55.

It has real estate valued at $218,760.

It has 253 missionaries, assistants, medical workers and Bible women in the field.

The question of the church and the Parent Board to-day is, not what shall we do with the W. F. M. S.? but, what shall we do without it?

The W. F. M. S. is now more closely joined to the Parent Board, the last General Conference having performed the ceremony.

We pray for the blessing of Heaven upon this servant and hand-maiden of the church, and that they may go on side by side, increasing in influence and power, "till the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ.

COMMITTEE.

PERIODICALS.

This is a reading age. There are comparatively few among the masses of the people who do not read. The results of the reading upon the reader depends almost entirely upon the quality of the matter read. If this be pure and substantial in quality, the tendency will be to produce the like qualities in the character and conduct of the one who reads; if impure and trashy, the results are weakness and immorality of character and life. The influence of character upon others is the same in kind whether you meet it in actual life or in a book.

There are young men, and women too, who sit down day after day, and night after night, in the presence of characters which are presented to them in their reading, with whom they would not be seen walking in the streets where they live, in open daylight, if these same characters existed in real life; and yet the influence of these characters is the same in kind as if they were living, breathing, acting beings.

What is the difference whether an evil thought comes to you from the lips of a man or from his pen? What is the difference whether the persons are influenced by what a man says or what he writes? It becomes a matter of great importance then so far as possible to provide proper reading matter for the people. No department of literature is more important than that of Periodical literature.

1st. Because the people read more of this kind than any other. There is scarcely a family that does not have one or more weekly papers and very many of them have one or more dailies dropped at their door, either morning or evening or both. Another reason why periodical literature is so important is that the latest and freshest thought is ordinarily given to the public first in the form of newspaper or magazine articles before it takes the more permanent form of a book. If the Methodist church then would make sure that her people read a literature that is pure and good, and if she would keep them abreast of the latest and best thoughts of the times, she must maintain a periodical literature of the very best type, and send it out by the hundred thousand. While we estimate very highly whatever is good in the secular press, it is deeply to be deplored that even the best in our state papers contain much that is of doubtful character or that is positively hurtful. Take your best secular papers of the state, and what is most prominent in their contents? Base ball by the column, horse races by the half column, paragraph after paragraph in advertisements for low theatrical performances, accounts of murders, theft, prize-fights, abominable adulteries, etc., etc. Now it is a sad thing that to find out the facts of importance in the every day history of the world, we must gather it out from so much trash and gush and nastiness. One of the great needs of the day is a daily press of unquestionable character as well as ability. The periodical literature of the Methodist Episcopal church is not only worthy of her highest appreciation and patronage, but is one of the chief sources of her power. The *Christian Advocate* has no superior as a periodical of its kind. The *Northwestern* is doing valiant service for God and the church. The *Michigan Advocate* needs no recommendation to the Methodists of Michigan ; we hope it may reach a circulation of fifteen thousand before the first day of April next. No Methodist preacher can afford to be without the *Methodist Review.* There are several special considerations why our pastors should endeavor to extend our periodical literature as far as possible: 1st. Because these papers will help us in all our work. 2d. Because we cannot have a broadly intelligent membership of Methodists on matters pertaining to our church and its work without them. 3d. We cannot maintain the connectionalism of our church as well in any other way, and so if we would be true to our work, and true to the great benevolences of the church, and true to all the interests committed to us as Methodist preachers, we must do all in our power to extend the circulation of the church literature.

L. MASTER,
W. M. PUFFER,
O. E. WIGHTMAN.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

Your committee in looking over the results accomplished by the Freedmen's Aid Society, find that as a church we have great reason to thank God and take courage.

The work undertaken by this society, though from the first beset with difficulties which cannot be fully understood at a distance, nor by any but those upon the ground, has nevertheless been carried forward to the general satisfaction of our people. It is doubtless largely due this society that our marvelous growth as a church has been made possible in the South.

On this Southern field, where twenty years ago we had but 75,000 members, now we have 425,000, and a following of at least 2,000,000, about equally divided between white and colored.

As might be expected, the society has been compelled to grapple with the caste question, and also the problem of mixed or separate schools, and many of her friends have feared lest she should be drawn into complications that might work the forfeiture of a liberal support from the church, and incur the disapproval of the Freedmen's friends. But your committee finds no grounds for complaint nor cause for alarm.

If mistakes have been made they have been corrected as soon as discovered.

Evidently the purpose of the society is to work in perfect Harmony with the will of the church.

The Board of managers in demanding the resignation of Prof. Wilford Caulkins, and by its disapproval of the expulsion of colored students from the Chattanooga University, declares the policy of the Freedmen's Aid Society (as well as the policy of the Methodist Episcopal church) to be: That no student shall be excluded from instruction in any and every school under the supervision of the church, because of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

It is the sense of your committee that the society, consistent with its name, the object of its origin, and its claim on the patronage of our people, may yet aid in the education of the whites connected with our church in the Southern States, "but not to the embarrassment of the work among our people of color."

And we desire to express our entire satisfaction with the management of the society and the relative expenditure of its funds. The white receiving less than one-eighth as much as the colored people.

According to Bishop Walden, "this society in the economy of its administration as well as in the results accomplished has a record second to none in the church."

While Bishop Bowman says: "In my opinion the work of this society is more important than any other work the church is prosecuting in America."

But it is in relation to the prospective growth of our church that the transcendent importance of this work appears.

The signs of the times indicate that in less than twenty years our church will have a million members and five million adherents in the old slave states.

To furnish the leaders for, and mould the future of the masses is the work of this society and of our church, and we must do it or fail in our mission and merit the forfeiture of our supreme privilege.

Before us has been set an open door which no man has been able to shut; we have entered and must occupy to the full.

The world expects us to take the lead in the education of the race for whose freedom we fought.

The nation needs us in the South still. One-fourth of our membership is there, and in want.

They of our own household are asking for bread and we must provide it, or deny the faith and turn infidel. The illiterate and dependent millions are calling for us; that factor of our civilization from which, if farther wronged or neglected, the nation has much to fear, is now teachable and plastic. 'Tis treason to deny it instruction; the opportunity for greatness is at our feet. To us it is given to shape the destiny of a race twice redeemed.

The fathers are looking down upon us. Prosperity is taking notes. Providence awaits our action. None but the unworthy could waver at such a time as this. The highest and most sacred claims are upon us, and we must meet them. Are we going to do it? It is to be feared we are not up to the full measure of our ability.

The support which this society receives is out of all proportion to the importance of the work it has in hand.

About one-fourth of our 11,000 pastoral charges contribute nothing in its behalf.

The Michigan Conference paid less than half of its apportionment last year—52 charges reporting but one dollar each, and 53 not a cent.

Your committee would most respectfully call the attention of all the pastors to that clause in the Discipline which makes it the duty of every preacher in charge to take a collection at each appointment every year in behalf of the Freedmen's Aid Society. And we pledge ourselves to increased liberality and effort. To faithfully lay the claims of this society before our people and by all laudable means endeavor to double the offerings of our Conference to this great cause.

Our watchword for next year shall be: Full Apportionments and no Blanks.

R. SHORTS,
J. A. SPRAGUE,
J. K. STARK,
W. J. HATHAWAY.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee in looking out into the field which you occupy, find in the vastness more that is worthy of consideration than can possibly be embraced in a Conference report.

It is gratifying to know that Methodism, born as it was in the atmosphere of old Oxford's classic halls, has ever maintained her position in the van of educational movements of the years. When we consider the number of Universities, Colleges and Seminaries that are to-day conducted by us as a denomination, we hesitate not to affirm that the Methodist Episcopal church is the mightiest educational agency among the nations.

The course of study prescribed for all who enter the ministry of our church, if mastered, puts into every Methodist pulpit a teacher who need never shrink from comparison with the ministers of other denominations.

But your committee is of the opinion that an improved method of examination of our candidates for the ministry is demanded, and recommend that a written examination be required in, at least part of the course, and that a committee of three be appointed to consider this matter and report at our next session.

We are publishing the best weekly religious papers on the globe, and all our publications are of a high order, and we thank God for the liberal patronage which they receive in our own church, as well as from other denominations.

A million for Missions from collections only, would have staggered the faith of our fathers; but as we look at the rapid development of modern civilization outside the church and mark the wonderful advancement within the church along the line of Christian beneficence, we think it not extravagant to say, that persons now living will witness the dedication of ten Methodist churches a day, the appropriation of five millions annually for Missions. and every superanuated preacher provided with a salary of a thousand dollars a year.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things that God hath prepared for them that love him."

Your committee desire to congratulate you on the fact that the church firmly maintains its position first taken on the eternal principles of human equality, and that its authorities have decided that *no* person in whom God has created a thirst for knowledge shall be refused a place in any of her institutions of learning.

We regard the itineracy as the strongest element of power in our church, and believe the transfer system if more generally practiced, would add efficiency to the itineracy. By this means many men could be put in places of usefulness for which they are especially adapted, but which now they never find. While with gratitude to God we recount the mighty march and the glorious victories of our sacramental host, we with sorrow mention the bereavements of the year. We have been called upon to mourn the loss of many brave soldiers of the cross of Christ. To those of our own Conference we paid tributes of respect in yesterday's memorial service; but in the death of some, the entire church suffers loss.

Daniel Curry is gone: he posessed a character as rugged as the Alpine cliffs and a heart as soft as an Italian sky. His words of wisdom we will hear no more. His pen, mightier than any sword, is waiting for another hand to wield it.

Wm. L. Harris, abundant in labors for the cause of Missions; wise in his administrations in the highest offices of the church, passed to his eternal rest and reward.

The workmen have fallen, but God's cause moves on.

G. C. DRAPER,
GEORGE DONALDSON.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School was once an institution to which many could look back with pleasure as the source from whence they derived the rudiments of an education which fitted them in after life for usefulness and eminence.

But the march of events has left the term *secular* completely out of the Sunday School vocabulary, and spiritual culture and moral deportment have become its central object and aim, and if we truly meet our obligations to this wonderful institution of Providence, we must in the first place insist on employing religious teachers only,—and

FIRST, by religious teachers, we mean persons who have been born again.

We fear there are too many disciples of Nicodemus teaching in our Sunday School to-day. Every teacher should be able to clearly define the difference between the Christian *life* and Christian *training*. The life is the gift of God through Jesus Christ, the training is the gift of the church through her appointed means of Grace.

The first is the work of the Holy Ghost, the second is the work of *sanctified* human instrumentality, and we believe that no one is competent, to give spiritual instruction whose heart is a stranger to the power of *Redeeming Grace.*

SECONDLY, by religious teachers, we mean religious books; we cannot be too careful about our Sunday School literature—for as the food we eat is converted into bone and muscle and nerve and brain—so the books we read are converted into *life* and *character.*

There are books that can be converted into moral bone—especially backbone—and muscle and nerve and brain.

There are others, their name is *Legion*, that can be constructed only into gristle, and a sickly sentimentality. By their fruits ye shall know them. God help us to be wise in our selection.

Another great want of the Sunday School is skilled teachers.

In the secular world there are plenty who can carry slabs, or cart sawdust, but what is most needed is skilled labor.

So in the Sunday School, what is needed are teachers, who can not only explain the Word of God, but bring the hearer, through the help of the Spirit to the help of the Divine Message.

We therefore recommend to the pastors and superintendents not only great care in the selection of teachers, but class drill and normal instruction, wherever practicable, and to this end we recommend the Michigan Conference to grant the petition of the Superintendent of Bay View Assembly, in appointing one of its members to co-operate with a member of the Detroit Conference in arranging a course of instruction in harmony with that of the Assembly, so that Sunday School workers taking the course at home may enter the advanced class in the Assembly.

JOHN W. MILLER,
E. S. McCHESNEY.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF ALBION COLLEGE.

To the Michigan Annual Conference:

In making our annual report of the work and condition of Albion College, we are glad to be able to state that there has been considerable progress in all departments during the year. The attendance of students has materially increased. In 1885-6 it was 365; in 1886-7, it was 413, a difference of 48. The Freshman class was 43, while the preceding year it was 22. Another gratifying fact which is worthy of special mention is that the institution is drawing now much more largely from the High Schools than formerly. This was notably true during the past year.

We have for several years been strengthening our courses of study. Aside from this we have just provided a new course, the English, which prepares for the degree of Bachelor of Letters. This accommodates students coming from many of the High Schools in which no instruction is given in the ancient languages.

In our report of last year we gave an account of the research work inaugurated in the institution. Further experience shows it to be productive of much good. The student learns how to use books, he gets much more benefit from the library than he otherwise would; he becomes a more intelligent and independent thinker; he gets accustomed to original and exhaustive research; the chasm between ordinary college life and post graduate methods is bridged, and he is able on graduation to enter directly and successfully on higher literary or public work. The college, while not claiming to be a university is doing a considerable amount of university teaching, and many students are prosecuting their studies by university methods.

We have given a fair trial to the elective system, and are convinced that the freedom of choice of studies does not tend to superficiality of work. We do not allow elections to be made at random, but along consistent lines; and while predilection, as is reasonable to suppose, has much to do with the choice made, the profession or occupation towards which the student is looking, is obviously one of the principle grounds of selection. A decided advantage is gained from the larger interest the student thus feels in his work.

The Library has been enlarged by the addition of 421 volumes during the year, so that it now contains 5,621 volumes, aside from a large number of pamphlets, special reports, and files of leading papers of this and other lands.

Some valuable specimens, many of them rare and difficult to obtain, have been added to the museum since our last report. More microscopes also have been added to our collection in the Biological Laboratory, and the department of general Physics. Science has been materially strengthened by the purchase of further appliances. The Language department has been providing extensive sets of language charts; these charts being prepared in the institution. Very few colleges are so fully provided with this class of appliances. Under the direction of the Professor of History the college is purchasing maps on a new plan, covering every material change in historical boundaries of the different countries in both hemispheres. No institution of learning in this country, or indeed in the old world, possesses anything to compare with it. Already we have built up a museum of Geographical Historical maps by which some 800 territorial changes are presented. The successive territorical changes occuring in Italy, the Soudan, the German Empire, the United States, etc., are clearly traced out and graphically presented to the eye. About 100 of such territorial modifications in the United States alone are exhibited, and are linked with one progressive history. The Conservatory of music has gained a prominent position among similar schools in this country. It now employs six teachers, and gives instruction in nearly every form of this art. It supports an orchestra of about 50 pieces. The very best advantages also are afforded for voice culture.

The Department of Painting has had a very encouraging growth during the year. A beautiful art gallery has been fitted up which contains an exceedingly fine display of sketches and paintings.

At the opening of the year a Business Department was inaugurated with the purpose of providing for students in the college instruction in commercial branches so that they would be better fitted on leaving college to engage in business pursuits. A room was fitted up with offices and all the equipments of a complete commercial school. Although no announcement was made until just before the opening of the college year, quite a number of special students entered the department, and a considerably large number of students in the regular course took up commercial studies. Our purpose is to make the work very thorough, and much more comprehensive than in ordinary commercial schools.

You will be gratified with the intelligence that applications for information in regard to the plans and work of the institution have increased within two years at least ten fold. From twenty to thirty copies of the Year Book are mailed, every day to persons applying for the same, embracing every state and territory of the Union and the different provinces of Canada.

We have reached a position among the colleges where, notwithstanding the great development of state education, we shall probably find no difficulty in obtaining students. Our great want is money to meet the demands the public are now making upon us. The work of endowing another professorship which has been in progress has been so far successful as to make the conditional pledges binding. We have met with liberality in some unexpected quarters. We could only wish that the whole Church felt the responsibility of laying on the altar of education all the money needed for the strengthening of the ministry, for the education of the young who are to comprise the laity of the Church, and for the guidance of thought into channels where Christ is revered. The literature of the world; the literature that is richest, broadest and most influential, should be Christian literature. The most popular books, and reviews and magazines most widely sought for should grow out of the learning of the Church. It is the work of the Church to save souls spiritually, and fortify truth and create an interest in it, in all departments of thought.

INCOME.

From Students	$ 8,798 20	
" Endowment Fund	11,000 00	
" Local End. Fund	1,600 00	
" Other Sources	549 31	
		$21,947 51

EXPENDITURES.

For Instruction	$ 15,627 89	
" Other Purposes	6,809 39	
		$22,437 28
Excess of expenditures over receipts,		$489 77

While from the above showing it appears that the expenditures exceed the receipts by $489.77, it is yet true that the debts incurred did not exceed the receipts, as in these expenditures are included $500 belonging to the preceding year, the Year Books of both years being paid for during these twelve months.

TRUSTEES.

The terms of office as Trustees of Rev. Levi Master and James W. Sheldon expire at this session of the Conference. There is also a vacancy for one of the terms expiring in 1889.

MANAGERS.

The terms of office as members of the Board of Managers of Revs. T. H. Jacokes, W. J. Aldrich, Washington Gardner, L. H. Jennings, J. W. Moon and D. W. Peabody expire at the present session. Will the Conference please fill all these vacancies and appoint visitors to the institution.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

L. R. FISKE,
President Board of Trustees of Albion College.

ON EDUCATION.

Methodism was born in a University. The founders of our Church were educated men. They saw the need and prized the advantage of a liberal culture. At the beginning they planted this idea into the life of the young denomination, so that our Church has never been indifferent to the cause of education and the need of the broadest culture among its Ministers.

If at first our Institutions of learning were few and feeble, this was our necessity not our desire; it was the misfortune of a young and struggling Church. We have at last risen to take our place as an educated factor in these commonwealths and to-day are abreast of the leading denominations of our country.

We would not boast, but the thought calls for gratitude and gives inspiration, that a Church in the sweep of years only of yesterday, and in our country a little over a century since it was organized, poor in its begining, without noble patronage, with nothing but the pockets of the poor for its treasury, and its prayers for its benison, a Church asking nothing from earth yet lacking nothing from heaven has advanced in the teeth of opposition, till to-day it stands the greatest Christian fact of modern times.

In 1784 we had only one literary institution, projected without friends and without buildings; in our centennial year just gone, we had with buildings, grounds and endowments, worth over thirteen millions. In looking upon the growth of Christian education among us as an auxillary to the Gospel and a helper to build up and widen the Kingdom of Christ we may ask: what has not God wrought in the brief sweep of a single century.

Your committee notice with great pleasure the healthy growth of benevolence toward the educational interests of the Church. This enables the board to make progress. Its Secretary reports great activity and broad planning, to use the words of one of its members, "we have reached an educational awakening."

The following facts may substantiate this statement. From 1873 to 1880, there was paid to the Board of Education by collections and bequests, sixteen thousand two hundred and seventy dollars and eighty-two cents, while the last six years has brought in one hundred and eighty-five thousand and thirty-six dollars and nineteen cents or more than ten times as much; surely we have reached an educational awakening. As already stated this has greatly strengthened the hands of the board, enabled them to do large things. Thirty thousand dollars has this year been apportioned to help students through school. This act is suggestive. The sum is munificent and yet it is not equal to the demand. There are other students that need help and if not given, much talent will be lost to the Church; therefore every Minister and Sunday School worker should take the thought upon their hearts and see to it in the coming June that the "Children's Day" collection is increased over anything it has been, so that the Board of Education shall feel itself in a position to do for struggling young men who intend to take our Ministry abundantly beyond what it has done in the past. We are pleased to mention in this report the conviction that the young men of our Churches intending to enter the Ministry are becoming profoundly impressed with the need of literary training; that usefulness in the pulpit and a knowledge of books are commensurable. Our age is a fast age, everything is on the alert, thought has been quickened and therefore we need men in the Ministry abreast of the times, and who are mentally roused up; nothing will do this so effectually as the training obtained in the schools. The day is past when our people are willing to accept men as their teachers who have not in some way obtained a respectable share of information, and the time has gone when we can afford less. This is the more apparent since the church offers such facilities; any young man who has the will and the power of self-application can get an education in the M. E. Church; if this is lacking he is doubtless mistaken in his call and had better seek some less arduous vocation than preaching the Gospel. Nothing is implied in this statement to disparage self-made men. There are thousands of schools in our country, where men are being educated, where there is no curriculum. We have many such examples in Church and state, names need not be mentioned but these would have elected otherwise could they have shaped their own course. They have worked hard and done well but early culture would have helped them to their best. Nothing can compensate for this loss; no man is at his best without early discipline. Your committee warmly recommend to young men the resolution of the last General Conference: "That all candidates for our Ministry are earnestly desired to attend, if possible, one or more of the literary or Theological institutions of our Church before applying to an Annual Conference for admission on trial."

The condition and outlook of Garret Biblical Institute is most encouraging; a beautiful memorial hall and chapel, with recitation rooms, have been completed during the past year at a cost $42,000.00. The trustees reported this building nearly cleared from debt. The faculty are alive and are doing faithful work. The examinations at the May Commencement were thorough and gave evidence to the Board of Visitors that the students were acquainted with the books. In their recitations they stated facts and analyzed principles in a manner creditable to members and most assuring as to the conscientious, pains-taking, fundamental work of the faculty. Albion College is, however, more than all we have mentioned, eminently the subject of our care and its success the measure of our responsibility. It is a Michigan institution, fostered by Michigan money, a Michigan man is at its head. It is the educational centre of these two

Conferences. Emphatically Albion College is ours. It is not selfish loyalty; we assert it is something more than gratitude for benefits received; it is enthusiasm enkindled by a conception of the possibilities of this institution. Albion College sustained by the influence of Michigan Ministers and by the liberality of wealthy laymen in this Peninsular state has an influence before it of which the wisest of us may not now even venture a prophecy. The radius of its influence is extending daily. What the Bartholdi with its luminous coronal is to the harbor of our proudest port, Albion is to our Michigan Methodism; it not only points the way to those engaged in special work but also illuminates an atmosphere which shall sustain others.

Some facts gleaned from its admirable "Year Book:" There has been an increase of students during the past College year of thirteen per cent.; the present freshman class is nearly twice as large as the one preceding it; more High School students have entered the advanced preparatory classes than during any previous year of the school's history.

Albion only needs time and the same steady policy pursued to make it abundantly strong and influential as a seat of learning. The moral atmosphere of the College is eminently religious; a revival taking place among the students every winter. Each student is required to attend some place of worship on the Lords Day. Nothing is left unguarded where the character of the students may be endangered. It is worthy of notice that the teaching of Albion is safe for our young people. Your committee emphasises anew that Michigan Methodism needs Albion College. We must not take the risk of our children being educated elsewhere. If we send them from under our own roof to be trained we must not be surprised if they come to us with a different development than that which we intended. We recognize that knowledge is power but an education badly secured may be a dangerous power. That culture is only complete that perceives God in all, God over all, the first truth and the last, God over all.

Your committee submits the following:—

Resolved, That we commend to Michigan Methodism the efforts of W. H. Brockway in securing additional endowment to the Brockway professorship. Also we pledge ourselves again by our influence and generosity, to make Albion College all it can be as an educating power in this state. And we further, *Resolve* to commend to the young men of our Church the two admirable schools of Theology, Boston University and Garret Biblical Institute.

Your committee inserts the resolution ordered by the Conference:

Resolved, That the divorce of our public education from all religious influence and ideas which many are seeking and in some places have accomplished, is contrary to the true nature of education and the public good.

We recommend for members of the Board of Trustees, to serve the full term: James W. Sheldon, Levi Master.

To serve two years: M. R. Bissell.

For members of the Board of Managers: George S. Hickey, M. M. Callen, J. W. Moon, D. W. Peabody, O. R. Wilmarth, Hampton Rich.

For visitors to Albion: J. C. Floyd, L. Grosenbaugh.

For visitors to Garret Biblical Institute: Wesley A. Hunsberger, E. S. McChesney.

GEORGE S. HICKEY,
W. A. HUNSBERGER,
C. L. BARNHART.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible is a marvel of literary beauty, of concise teaching and laconic truth. It was written by God. Ante-dating all literature, it has outlived generations of sages and successions of literary eras. It has passed unscathed through the revolutions of empires, and asserted for itself pre-eminent authority in giving direction to reformations and in the unfolding of modern civilization. Successively the sacred books of the Orient have been passing into eclipse behind the rising glories of the Book of God. By its internal harmony, by its accuracy of delineation of the human heart—its deep desires and its severest needs; by its instant and complete solution of all problems as to man in his individual destiny, and also in his organic and citizen relations; by its appeal to the purest motives and its power to inspire to the highest duty. By its self-evident authority and its holy and divine character the Book demands at the hands of the church that it be given opportunity to be read by universal man.

The American Bible Society is the providentially appointed librarian of this sacred book. Its mission is a benevolent one, that of preserving the book from mutilation and alteration, and securing its distribution abroad among the nations of the earth, that in its native and unadulterated character. The work of this society is catholic alike in spirit and in the method of its operation, and rising far above the narrower lines of denominational limits it expresses the bond of true catholicism. At home the presence of the imprint of the American Bible Society is a constant tie among all evangelical churches Abroad, among all languages the presence of the books of the society are a sign and a seal of the oneness and catholicity of Protestant christianity.

The work of the society being benevolent in character must necessarily depend upon the uniformity of the contributions of the church. The gifts of friends and the contributions of the churches have hitherto been of such volume as to justify broad and magnificent plans for the universal distribution of the Bible in this country. The fourth re-supply is now in progress. These successive canvasses of the families of the nation reveal the sad fact that with each decade succeeding such distribution families arise entirely destitute. In the period of five years, of 4,468,494 families visited no less than 547,124 were found to be entirely destitute of the Bible. Three hundred and eighty-four thousand nine hundred and twenty-four families and 219,261 individuals were supplied. This vast work to which must be added the pressing demands of other lands and in other languages is worthy of the most liberal and hearty co-operation of the church.

This society is the source of supply from which alike the home and foreign field are furnished with the word of God. The toilers on the frontiers and the missionaries in heathan lands are dependant upon this and kindred societies for the implements of their work. Hence the obligation to foster and increase the resources of the society.

In view of the fact that the aggregate receipts of the American Bible Society during last year is reported to be $30,552.24 less than the preceding year, and that the work of distribution is for that cause liable to be greatly impeded, the question presses for consideration, are we, as a church, aiding the society with a liberality commensurate with the character of its claims upon us.

An analysis of what we have done as a conference shows that of the 257 pastoral charges within our bounds 107 contributed nothing, while 82 are reported as paying $1.00 each. The membership of 32,424 contributed an aggregate of only $335. The receipts this year, we are pleased to say, are a little in excess of last year, being $456 as against $335, an increase of $121; but in view of the special emergency of the society we deem this amount to be entirely out of proportion to our obligation. Therefore your committee would urge that the claims of this society be pressed upon the thoughts and hearts of our people during this year. Further,

Resolved, That we cordially recognize the value and help of the American Bible Society in our work, and will welcome its superintendent, the Rev. A. J. Mead, to our pulpits, and pledge our co-operation in its great and divine work.

B. E. PADDOCK, Chairman.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

At the last session of this Conference the committee ventured to ask the Conference for $6,000. When we consider that only six years ago the collection was $1,981, this looked like a presumptious request.

With joy we report that not only was this request cheerfully granted, and that in a year of great financial embarrassment, but that no doubt might be entertained as to the willingness of the people to respond when the necessities of our worn out preachers are presented to them, the churches laid as a willing offering on the altar of this cause $6,761.62.

To all the members of the Conference whose efforts have secured this great success; to the churches whose gifts gladden so many hearts; to the *Michigan Christian Advocate* for its munificent donation of $627; to the Board of Stewards, whose care in the distribution of the funds has greatly inspired confidence and led to increased collections, the thanks of the Conference Claimants are due. Brethren from abroad testify that your advance in this direction is unprecedented in the history of the American Conferences. Members of the Conference and of the churches, in behalf of the Conference Claimants, we thank you. Every charge in your Conference is reported as contributing to the great success of this year.

While much has been done, much remains to do. While the amount estimated as necessary for the Conference is $12,000 and $6,761 contributed, leaving still $5,239 for which no provision is made. Shall we advance again? We ask you for $10,000 in 1888.

The Lay Electorial Conference most heartily endorse your action and pledge the laity to support any measures you may adopt; limited only by conditions which we may easily meet. The *Michigan Christian Advocate* promises to divide, conditionally, $2,000 between the Conferences, of which your share will be at least $1,200. The people expect the members of this Conference will press this claim. They are ready to give. The situation is inspiring. We expect a collection of $10,000 in 1888.

GEO. L. HAIGHT,
LEVI MASTER,
JAMES W. REID.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee rejoice in the substantial and gratifying advancement made during the year in the cause of temperance.

Everywhere the movement to suppress the manufacture and traffic in intoxicating beverages is taking on larger proportions and assuming greater dignity and importance. The conspiracy of silence has been broken. The pen and voice of the best men and women of this nation are rapidly turning the thought of the people upon the saloon as the most pernicious and demoralizing agency which God and humanity have to deal with.

Already six states of our glorious Union have declared either by constitution or statute, complete independence of the legalized saloon; while in a score or more of other states, county or other local option laws prevail. Already in Maine, Kansas, Iowa, and in other states and in cities like Atlanta, Ga., the efficiency of prohibition have been demonstrated.

In our own fair peninsular state we have joined forces with the enemy at the ballot-box over the question of constitutional prohibition. Upon short notice, with one-third of our population foreign-born, while every daily paper in the state, with perhaps a single exception, was either opposed to the amendment or significantly silent on the subject with only about ten per cent. of the secular papers favoring the side of the home as against the saloon, with almost no encouragement from the politicians of either old party, with the most unscrupulous use of money by the liquor interests joined to intimidation at the ballot-box of both workers and voters; amid a blinding storm, with snow drifts five or six feet deep in some parts of the state, amid all these discouragements 175,000 voters were found to stand up and be counted on the side of God and the right. The immediate object sought, i. e. the placing of the principle of prohibition in the fundamental law of the state, was not secured; but the battle was not lost. Sound public sentiment has been created and strengthened. Long cherished prejudices have been brushed away. Leaders have been developed. The ranks have received discipline. Political antipathies of the past were, at least for the time being, forgotten, and distrust and suspicion among workers removed.

Where is there an intelligent observer who, in the face of such a splendid showing against all odds, has not had his faith renewed in the early triumph of the principles of prohibition. True a similar amendment has been lost in Texas but the bloody chasm has been bridged over. The 175,000 prohibition voters of Michigan join hands with the 175,000 prohibitionists of the "Lone Star" state, and from the Gulf to the Lakes we are ready at the tap of the drum to fight the battle over again. The issue has been elected. As the combat deepens the day begins to dawn when men shall be lifted from degradation; the weak shall be protected; homes now dark shall be made radiant with hope, and this country shall be free from the most gigantic monstrosity of civilization—the licensed liquor traffic.

Your committee is of the opinion that no lover of the cause of temperance should slacken his energy or abate his zeal in the work until state and national prohibition has become an established fact.

We do not disparage the results already accomplished by moral suasion. We all delight to honor men like Gough, Reynolds and Murphy, and organizations like the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Independent Order of Good Templars. We seek to inculcate through these channels proper sentiments in the minds of the people. We lift men from the gutter, weep and pray over them and assist them in regaining their lost manhood. We appeal to conscience, reason and self-interest. In some cases we succeed; but even in the case of the reformed, as well as in the case of the young and inexperienced, we are compelled to send them forth daily where they are compelled to run the gauntlet of the legalized grog-shop; and there is no greater delusion than that we can remove legalized temptation by moral suasion.

The business of making and selling intoxicating liquors has been more and more demoralized until the men who are now engaged in it, have no fear of God before their eyes; they never enter the sanctuary; they hold themselves aloof from argument; their hearts are hard; their consciences are seared, and their only aim is one of gain. The father may plead for his boy; the wife may tell of the woe and poverty and wretchedness of her home, and plead for her husband with tears that ought to melt an adamantine heart; the minister may set forth the awful consequences of the business, both in time and in eternity, and plead for the sake of God and humanity to abandon the business; and to all these the rum seller simply exhibits his license.

Christian civilization presents no more collossal failure than the attempt to destroy legalized evils by moral suasion. We confess our loyalty to any kind of prohibition, large or small. We are heartily in favor of prohibition by the individual, the family, the corporation, the township, the county, the state, or the nation, and our vote, effort and influence shall always go with every honest effort to drive the traffic from any locality, whether large or small, near or remote.

Our so-called Local Option law may furnish an opportunity to drive out the liquor traffic from very strong temperance localities, thus forming contrasts which will be favorable to more general prohibitory efforts. These local contrasts may also furnish occasion for the education of public sentiment without exciting partisan prejudice. And yet we maintain that we are citizens of a great state and nation and not of localities, and that it is a vicious policy which would redeem the homes of more favored localities from the thralldom of this great curse and leave other portions of the state to be blighted by an unscrupulous and merciless liquor majority.

We believe in local prohibition but not local option. Our present law confers upon the people of the county a right to express themselves upon the main question but does not confer upon them the power to enact laws to secure the benefits of their decision. It leaves the enforcement of the law in the hands of the local officials, who, in most cases, have failed to carry out the plainest provisions of the present law. The law fails to reach the brewery and distillery, and so can only make a weak attempt to dam up the streams while it is unable to reach their source. We therefore give it as our conviction that 175,000 citizens who voted for constitutional prohibition in the State of Michigan will not cease their efforts until we shall have statutory and constitutional prohibition in both state and nation.

In the name of these hosts we arraign the liquor traffic as the foulest blot on our civilization and demand that it shall not be merely plastered over by some compromise measure, but that it must be wiped out. We arraign it as a loathsome ulcer, a hideous cancer, demanding heroic treatment, and not palliatives. We arraign it as the deadly upas tree to be plucked up by the roots, instead of trimming and chopping off a few branches.

With a humble trust in Almighty God we declare that never by our consent can we be brought into any unholy alliance with the liquor traffic. We protest against the right of the state or nation to derive any part of their revenue from the license of vice. We hold it to be not simply unwise, but a sin against God and a crime against society. We will stand by the grand principle of constitutional prohibition, knowing that when we drop down to a discussion of methods of restriction, we can excite no more enthusiasm among the masses, than by a discussion of the nebular hypothesis, and also because we know that

"Right, the day must win."

Your committee is also of the opinion that the aroused consciences and enlightened public sentiment of the people upon this question must flow in some political channel.

In 1862 when Fort Sumter had been fired upon and the call to arms rang out over the land, when brave sons of the North were kissing their loved ones, and taking their places beneath the Stars and Stripes, when tidings of serious reverses to the Union forces had come in rapid succession and brave, loyal hearts were whispering "what will be the end," the liquor fraternity of the North met, not for patriotic purposes, but to take initial steps looking to the control of the politics of this country. The organization effected at that time has spread and increased in numbers and influence until now they boast of their influence in politics. Every saloon is a political club-room where evil men sit together and plot against society. The saloon spreads corruption through the whole domain of politics. Its power is felt at the primaries, at the caucus, in the convention, and at the ballot-box. It intimidates and bribes voters, officers, courts and legislative bodies. It dictates laws and then defies them. There is no side of free government it does not corrupt with its contaminating touch. The ballot-box, the holy of holies in every free government, in too many cases, is made but the instrument to record the liquor oligarchy.

The question is no longer merely moral. Our desires to use only spiritual weapons have nothing to do with the fact that the saloon is already in American politics. There the gauntlet has been thrown down and there we must go if we mean to push the battle. An organized ballot is necessary to purify our politics and legislation and to save our institutions from the blight of the God-defying and virtue-despising liquor traffic.

Victories for the saloon are sought and obtained through the countenance of political parties. Our enemies have acted with the consent and co-operation of the partisan press and party leaders. In this way they have secured the election of their friends and defeated candidates supposed to be in sympathy with prohibition ; they have raised their business to that of a legitimate commerce, and now propose to repeal or modify every law which in any way comes in conflict with their interest. So completely have they dominated the politics of our state that the only hope for prohibition lies in the good citizens breaking away from those political standards and organizations whose tendency is to strengthen and perpetuate the licensed saloon.

Your committee continue to rejoice in the aggressive position of the Methodist Episcopal Church upon the subject of temperance and prohibition. Side by side with the church appealing to man's better nature, stands the Devil's missionary society appealing to his baser appetites and passions.

The chief outward obstacle to the progress of the Gospel of Christ, is intemperance. We reiterate the position of the General Conference, that, "We are unalterably opposed to the enenactment of laws that propose by license, taxing or otherwise to regulate the drink traffic, because they provide for its continuance and afford no protection against its ravages. We hold that the proper attitude of Christians towards this traffic is one of uncompromising opposition, and while we do not presume to dictate to our people as to their political affiliations, we do express the opinion that they should not permit themselves to be controlled by party organizations that are managed in the interest of the liquor traffic."

As the conflict deepens we cannot afford to modify this action in any way unless it be to strengthen it, and with this action in the discipline of our church, as loyal Methodist Ministers we cannot afford to consult politicians as to the nature of pulpit themes or utterances upon this subject. We court no peace that is not found in fidelity to God, love for souls and loyalty to Methodism. Our God is marching on, and with the grimness of death, with the prayers of saints, with the brawn of stalwarts, with the ballot of citizens, with an obstinate faith in Almighty God we will press the battle to victory or death.

M. M. CALLEN.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

Your committee to which was assigned the work of considering the form of our Conference Minutes, as to whether they could be enlarged or otherwise changed as to make them more useful, and hence more popular among our people, beg leave to report.

First.— We wish most heartily to commend for pains-taking accuracy, and convenience of arrangement the work of our retiring Secretary, Wilber I. Cogshall. Your committee does not see how in their present form and scope the Minutes could be improved.

Second.— We were considerably in doubt as to the scope of the committee's power. It seemed impossible for your committee to put into execution any radically new plans without conflicting with the plans already adopted and being so thoroughly worked by the Secretaries, already constituting a "Standing Committee" on Publication of Minutes. We therefore advised the Secretaries to make arrangements for the printing of the Minutes this year as heretofore.

Thirdly.— After a careful consideration of the matter we have serious doubts as to the practicability of any attempt to popularize the Minutes of our Annual Conference. The drift of our times is toward secular reading. Even our church papers, full of all the juice and sweetness of the purest religious sentiment, only reach their present circulation, not one half what it ought to be, by the persistent push of the Pastors. The clamor is for news, no matter what it may be; and while we ought to do what we can to correct this growing evil, we question whether the Conference can afford to take the chance of financial loss in an attempt to enlarge the scope, and greatly increase the issue of our annual Minutes.

We therefore recommend that the Secretaries aim to make the Minutes as complete and perfect as the interests of the Annual Conference seems to demand, and limit the number printed as the sales from year to year shall indicate the demands of the laity.

We recommend that the Secretaries add to our Minutes a register of the Conference, similar to that now printed in the Detroit Conference, and if they desire it, that a special committee be appointed to arrange such a register. We understand that a blank book, ruled and headed on purpose for such a register was purchased and partly filled out during the secretaryship of Dr. Jocelyn, which, perhaps, can be found and used for that purpose.

M. D. CARREL, For Committee.

PARSONAGES.

We recognize the itinerante system of ministerial supply as one of the important factors in solving the problem of reaching the masses of the people. While we express our devotion to that system, we are not insensible to the fact that it is attended by inconveniences, burdens and self-denials which bear most heavily on our wives and children. We therefore deem it incumbent on the denomination of our choice that it make the domestic burdens, inseparable from the itinerante system, as light as possible. To this end we recommend that in every charge where it is practicable, a parsonage be built, if there is not one already, and that it be supplied at least with the heavy furniture, of good quality, such as stoves, chamber suits, refrigerators, etc. By so doing, we believe that not only the comfort and convenience of the ministers and their families, but the economy and prosperity of the local charge, as well as the interest of the church would be subserved.

WASHINGTON GARDNER,
D. W. PARSONS,
J. W. HALLENBECK,
J. GULICK,
L. M. GARLICK.

MISSION AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee has found the accounts of the Presiding Elders for the districts and charges having Missionary Appropriations, correct.

G. W. GOSLING,
S. D. MCKEE.

JOCELYN-PERRINE MONUMENTS.

Your committee, to whom was assigned the work of erecting suitable memorials at the graves of Drs. Jocelyn and Perrine, report as follows:

Your instruction to us last year was, that we expend $300.00 for such memorials, and that they be erected before the time of the Annual Commencement at Albion, in June.

We have followed your instructions so far as the completion of the work is concerned. But we found that we had more than $300 to invest, and that by adding a little more we could procure two granite monuments at a bargain, and feeling confident that your judgement would agree with ours, that the granite would be much more durable, and in every way more satisfactory than cheaper material, we purchased them.

Accordingly two very fine granite cottage monuments, one of brown Scotch and the other of gray native granite, and costing, when put in place with inscriptions and all, about $450.00, were erected, and dedicated with appropriate service June 21, 1887.

After exhasting all available assetts, and applying $75.00 profits on the *Daily Advocate* of last year, we still lack about $45.00 of enough to pay in full for the monuments. We would be glad if, after four years of work put into this memorial, you would raise that amount here, and relieve the committee of any farther anxiety in the matter.

It is due the alumni of the college to say that they have generously assisted us in this work. Indeed, without their assistance we should not have been able to reach nearly the amount already realized.

Respectfully submitted.

M. D. CARREL,
N. L. BRAY,
G. L. COLE.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the delicate and difficult task of properly adjusting the several claims of Conference Claimants, and paying the same, beg leave to present the following report.

1st. We recommend that the use of the printed blank be continued the same as last year, as we find it indispensible to the equitable adjustment of these claims.

2d. We recommend that next year the programmes prepared by the Committee on Conference Claimants, be dispensed with, and that only the collection cards be furnished to pastors for *Historical Day.*

3d. We recommend that greater care be taken by the Conference to remove and to keep improper persons from the list of *possible* claimants.

4th. We hereby recommend that not less than one-half of the old Board of Conference Stewards should be retained from year to year.

While the amount of funds placed in our hands for distribution exceeds that of last year in the sum of $1,186.01, the per cent. on the basis of the claims allowed is less than two per cent. above last year.

We have made our adjustment of claims on the basis of necessities, modified by length of service, and to the best of our knowledge and ability, to 67 claimants, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Over from last year	$ 4 00
From Methodist Publishing Co.	627 60
From Parkhurst Fund	18 55
From Book Concern	453 00
From Chartered Fund	40 00
Collections from Charges	5,532 47
Sunday Conference Collection	96 00
Total	$ 6,761 62

Distributed as follows :—

Paid for Stationery, Printing Circulars, Postage, etc.	$ 3 69
Paid Conference Claimants Committee for expenses on programmes and cards for Historical Day	38 50
Exchange on Drafts	4 58
Cash on hand (for postage)	20
Distributed to Claimants	6,714 65
Total	$ 6,761 62

To Claimants severally :

Charles Austin	$ 20 00	Mrs. H. Hall	72 73
Mrs. Wm. Ball	108 86	Rev. D. S. Haviland	144 52
Rev. A. C. Beach	113 39	Rev. J. S. Harder	72 26
Rev. Isaac Bennett	144 52	Rev. G. S. Hicks	76 70
Eev. L. M. Bennett	72 26	Rev. J. W. Hollowell	72 26
Mrs. E. Beard	108 86	Rev. C. H. Howe	72 26
Mrs. Rosina Bignall	108 86	Rev. J. Hoyt	108 39
Mrs. V. G. Boynton	144 99	Rev. G. W. Hoag	144 52
Mrs. J. Boynton	77 73	Mrs. J. Jennings	36 60
Rev. N. L. Brockway	144 52	Mrs. G. B. Jocelyn	144 99
Mrs. L. A. Bronson	108 86	Rev. E. Marble	108 39
Mrs. D. Burns	108 86	Mrs. Wm. McKnight	50
Mrs. M. B. Camburn	36 60	Rev. H. Morgan	144 52
Rev. J. W. Cawthorn	113 39	Mrs. Matilda Mount	108 86
Mrs. E. C. Chambers	144 99	Mrs. S. Nelson	113 86
Mrs. E. H. Child	144 99	Mrs. W. H. Perrine	144 99
Rev. Thomas Clark	144 52	Mrs. G. A. Phillips	149 99
Mrs. E. Cleghorn	72 73	Rev. J. H. Pitezel	144 52
Mrs. T. J. Congdon	108 86	Rev. B. S. Pratt	72 56
Mrs. A. L. Chittendon	50	Rev. J. H. Richards	77 22
Mrs. E. H. Dissette	113 86	Rev. J. T. Robe	144 52
Mrs. B. F. Doughty	50	Mrs. J. W. Robinson	144 99
Mrs. Wm. Doust	108 86	Mrs. R. Sapp	108 86
Rev. A. A. Dunton	36 13	Rev. I. H. Skinner	36 13
Mrs. W. W. Elder	128 86	Mrs. M. I. Smith	144 99
Mrs. N. Fassett	108 86	Mrs. E. A. Staples	72 73
Mrs. W. S. Foster	36 60	Rev. S. Steel	144 52
Mrs. J. P. Force	108 86	Rev. C. T. VanAntwerp	108 39

Mrs. G. L. Gilbert	77 73
Mrs. D. D. Gillett	108 86
Rev. F. Glass	144 52
Mrs. A. T. Gray	72 73
Rev. L. J. Griffin	108 39
Mrs. J. Greenstead	108 36
Mrs. A. J. VanWyck	72 73
Mrs. Mary Willson	108 86
Rev. S. C. Woodard	144 52
Mrs. M. Worthington	108 86
Rev. A. Wakefield	72 26

L. M. EDMUNDS,
Chairman.

ON MISSIONS.

Your committee on Missions recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

ALBION DISTRICT.

Cooper Street, Jackson		$ 150

COLDWATER DISTRICT.

Osseo		$ 64

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Goblesville	$ 150	
Douglass	75	
Millgrove	75	
Kendall	40	
		$ 340

NILES DISTRICT.

Cassopolis	$ 150	
Stevensville	50	
		$ 200

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Grand Haven	$ 200	
North Muskegon	200	
Newaygo	60	
Ada	60	
		$ 520

IONIA DISTRICT.

Hubbardston	$ 80	
Belding	80	
Freeport	40	
		$ 200

LANSING DISTRICT.

Breckenridge	$ 60	
Fowler	100	
Sickles	100	
		$ 260

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Ashton	$ 60	
Chase and Baldwin	80	
Chippewa Lake	50	
Coleman	80	
Crystal Valley	50	
Farwell	100	
Freesoil	60	
Fremont	100	
Gladwin	100	
Harrison	120	
Hersey	80	
Hesperia	100	
Howard City	100	
Ludington, 4th Ward	140	
Paris	76	
Pentwater	140	
Sanford	50	
Stanwood	60	
White Cloud	100	
Reed City	100	
		$ 1,746

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Traverse City Circuit	$ 200	
Norwood	100	
Bear Lake	80	
Benzonia	80	
Frankfort	80	
Cadillac Circuit	50	
Manton	200	
Lake City	150	
Kalkaska	180	
Mancelonia	100	
Alba	80	
Petoskey Circuit	80	
Elk Rapids	150	
Bellaire	180	
East Jordan	100	
Cross Village	75	
Harbor Springs	200	
Spencer Creek	80	
Stittsville	80	
District	275	
		$2,520

INDIAN WORK.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Nottawa and Bradley Missions		$ 50

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Riverton Mission	90	
Isabella Mission	160	
District	150	
		$ 400

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Northport Mission	$ 100	
Petoskey Mission	200	
Elk Rapids Mission	50	
District	100	
		$ 450

I approve the above,

W. X. Ninde.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

From Albion District	$ 3,825 63	
" Coldwater District	2,525 77	
" Kalamazoo District	3,396 99	
" Niles District	2,101 83	
" Grand Rapids District	3,452 94	
" Ionia District	2,148 67	
" Lansing District	3,002 25	
" Big Rapids District	1,992 35	
" Grand Traverse District	911 58	
		$23,358 01
Collections for 1886, from Cooper St. Church Jackson, received too late for entrance in last year's report		19 50
Collections from Ravenna Church 1887, too late for entrance in District report		8 00
From the Methodist Publishing Co	$ 627 60	
" Book Concern	453 00	
" Chartered Fund	30 00	
" Parkhurst Fund	18 55	
The Sunday Collection	97 56	
		$ 1,226 71
Collections for Minutes	98 62	
" " Conference Expenses	24 46	
Minute money, over from last year	5 00	
Conf. Expense money, from last year	2 83	130 91
Total Receipts from all sources		$24,743 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Missions	$11,656 90	
“ W. F. M. S.	17 00	
“ Church Extension	1,533 86	
“ Freedmen's Aid	1,359 84	
“ Children's Day Fund	531 26	
“ Conference Educational Fund	167 77	
“ Tract Society	213 52	
“ S. S. Union	326 13	
“ American Bible Society	309 48	
“ Bishops' Fund	1,334 71	
“ Conference Claimants	6,761 92	
“ Publication Minutes	234 42	
“ W. H. M. S.	20 00	
“ General Conference Delegates	232 77	
“ Dissette Fund	12 00	
“ Grant Memorial, N. W. University	3 00	
“ Conference Expenses, Statistician	5 39	
“ “ “ Treasurer	14 60	
“ “ “ Secretary	7 15	
Balance on hand Conf. Claimants' Fund	1 26	
“ “ “ Expense Fund	15	
		$24,743 13

There is a gain in all the collections except the Conference Educational.

For Missions, 1886, $10,430.16; 1887, $12,253.36. In church collections a gain of 8 per cent. In Sunday School collections a gain of 48 per cent.

From Methodist Publishing Co. 1886, $530.90; 1887, $627.60.

From the Book Concern, 1886, $382; 1887, $453.

For Conference Claimants, all sources, 1886, $5,556.19; 1887, $6,763.18.

For the ten causes, viz: Missions, Church Extension, Freedmen, Children's Day, Conference Educational, Tracts, S. S. Union, Bishops, Conference Claimants and American Bible Society, the percentage of gain over 1886 by Districts is as follows: Niles 35, Ionia 30, Grand Traverse 30, Big Rapids 24, Lansing 19, Grand Rapids 17, Kalamazoo 14, Coldwater 12, Albion 6½.

E. T. Lumber,
Treasurer.

MEMORIALS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the General Conference, assembled in New York City, greeting:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN :—In the interest of our thousands of Conference Claimants and of the ministry to whom the superannuated relation is a possibility, we most respectfully present this memorial :

1. Our ministry is as broad as the needs of a lost race. We are ordained not to the ministry of a particular Conference but to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We recognize no part of the habitable world as reserved from the divine command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Thitherward, under our system of appointments and transfers, any minister may be sent.

2. In this divinely instituted and apostolic system each minister is called to be a man of one work. The church demands the consecration of all his effective years with his talents and abilities to be wholly given up to the one idea of saving souls. To this purpose he is called and by the imposition of holy hands separated forever from the secular business of life.

3. For this consecration the church offers no financial compensation. In our economy no more is promised than to furnish a comfortable living by each charge served during the years only of an effective ministry. If this promise were fully satisfied, it would appear, so far as the system provides, nothing would be secured with which to meet the exigencies of life—the misfortunes and diseases to which all are alike subject, or for the feebleness and decreptitude of old age. But it is not all paid. Of the amount thus estimated as necessary to afford our minstry comfortable support more than ——— were unpaid in ——— alone.

4. With no adequate connectional plan providing for the wants of our ministers when no longer effective the church is embarrassed. Worthy but aged ministers suffer for even the necessaries of life, and widows and orphans are left without suitable provision against want. The appointments and aggressive work of the church are embarrassed for the reason that men, no longer fully effective, must not be turned away to the meager relief afforded by our present system of collecting funds for the Conference Claimants, and they are hence appointed to fields of labor, not upon their present worth or merit, but because of a past record, while younger men of vigor must bide with lesser opportunities for usefulness, and fields of splendid possibilities are imperfectly cultivated till death, location or the superanuate list ends the long struggle. Thus the work of the church is impeded and men deserving better things are oppressed by feeling themselves wasting away from the affections of a people whom once they grandly served, or to close their years of ministry under the distressing circumstances of being no longer acceptable to the people. Moreover, brethern, this condition of things bars the way to the very door of the ministry. We are persuaded if our system could satisfy the instinct strong in every breast to provide for the wants of a possible old age the strength and vigor of youth now seeking this satisfaction in other professions and in secular enterprise, would gladly yield consecrated lives to the ministry.

5. In the drift and current of Methodist progress, so wonderful and gratifying to us all, we have advanced our connectional work, and, without design, have failed to keep within the increasing scope of our connectional plans the claims of the men for whom we speak.

We have departed from the conception of the Fathers and have localized this great cause, separating brethren of the ministry by establishing the custom of leaving to each Conference the care of its own claimants. Thus we have taken the life work of men and sent them to pioneer life and hardships, and, when their effective years were spent, left them to be cared for where poverty and limited resources were the conditions—while other men of like consecration have spent their years in more favored Conferences, and in their old age been maintained by the offerings of consecrated wealth.

6. We believe the time has come to bring into our universal brotherhood of benefit, the Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We respectfully pray you to place in the connectional work of Methodism the claimants of our Conferences, by inaugurating plans which shall invigorate the fund our fathers established with their charter. To accomplish this, we request the institution of the "Conference Claimants' Society" whose Corresponding Secretary may visit the Conferences, acquaint the Church with the needs of its claimants, and press upon the wealth of our people this holy cause.

We believe if this shall be done the Chartered Fund would arise from its slumbers—the wealth of the church would seek therein to endow its benevolence. Our Annual Conferences would organize societies auxiliary to the parent society—local societies would spring into existence and an inspiration would be felt throughout our connection which would speedily find expression in largely increased annual collections to this worthy cause.

And we respectfully recommend that the Secretary of this Conference be directed to furnish a copy of this memorial duly authenticated, to the Chairman of the Michigan Conference Delegation to be by him presented to the General Conference at its next session.

JAS. W. REID,
JOHN GRAHAM,
WASHINGTON GARDNER.

TOBACCO.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held in May, 1888:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—

WHEREAS: In years past your body has exhorted all our members to be free from the tobacco habit, and

WHEREAS: You have ordered an investigation as to whether every licensed local preacher uses tobacco, and

WHEREAS: You have required every candidate for the traveling ministry to promise to abstain wholly from tobacco, and

WHEREAS: It would be an amazing inconsistency, bordering on hypocrisy, which Methodism cannot afford to show to a self-indulgent and skeptical generation, to elect to her highest executive position any man who has scorned these advices, and whose tobacco would cost him his admission to any of our Conferences.

We respectfully, but with intense earnestness, pray that in justice and consistency you will declare the tobacco habit to be an impediment to consecration to the office of Bishop, or to election to any office at the disposal of the General Conference.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. NANCY BENNETT.

Mrs. Nancy Bennett, wife of Rev. I. Bennett, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1809, and died at Quincy, Michigan, May 20, 1886. Her maiden name was McNaught. While she was yet a child her parents moved to the southern part of Ohio. Her youth was specially characterized by an ardent love for the Savior, his ordinances and his people.

November 18, 1830, she became the wife of Geo. Hill, and came with her husband into northern Ohio, locating on the AuGlaize river. This union was blessed by two children. These are both dead. January 13, 1835, she became a widow by the death of Mr. Hill. This sad event led to her conversion, and an open and full confession of Christ.

On the 1st of February, 1838, she was married to Rev. I. Bennett, now one of the honored superannuates of this Conference and one of the fathers of Methodism in Michigan. Shortly after their marriage Mr. Bennett was sent as a missionary into Michigan and assigned to the Shiawassee mission, embracing at that time all of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, with parts of Oakland, Genesee and Livingston counties. The work required a vast amount of travel and almost constant absence from home. Their first dwelling place was a small log structure of the most primitive kind. Here sister Bennett would often spend weeks with no other faces to look upon than those of her children, or an Indian who might find his way to the primitive parsonage. Notwithstanding these privations, she was energetic and persevering, incessant in prayer and strong in faith as a ministerial companion. Her work and personal influence for forty years have been potent factors in the history of Methodism in this State. They form a golden thread in what has now become an extensive network of church. Everywhere her faithfulness and piety won for her a large circle of friends. Love and esteem followed her from every locality.

In her personality she was modest and unassuming, but earnest and aggressive. Her own house she ruled well, and was full of good works in the church. Of the five children born to her and Bro. Bennett only two survive her. During the eighteen years of declining health she was a meek and submissive sufferer. Much of the time she was confined to her own home, but still drew about her a large circle of warm friends, and enjoyed the esteem of the entire community. Her last days were days of delight and happiness in the Lord. At the time of her death she was the oldest of the Methodist ministers' wives or widows in this Conference.

Of her we may truly say: "Servant of God, well done."

MRS. MINNIE TYRRELL LENNOX.

Mrs. Minnie Tyrrell Lennox, wife of Rev. L. E. Lennox, and oldest daughter of William and Elizabeth Tyrrell, of Weston, Ontario, was born in that village April 29, 1852. She was blessed with pious parents and a Christian home. She received her early mental training under a private tutor, and at sixteen years of age entered Hamilton Ladies' college, graduating with honors.

Though always of a religious disposition, she did not make a public profession of religion till her sixteenth year, while in college. Henceforth her Christian life was beautiful, earnest, progressive and confident. On returning home she entered heartily and earnestly into all kinds of Christian work, thus marking her first graduate years with activity and efficiency in the cause of Christ.

On October 2, 1883, she was united in marriage with Rev. L. E. Lennox, then of Detroit Conference, and assumed the duties and trials of that most important and difficult sphere, a pastor's wife. During the three pleasant years of her married life, despite the cares of home and her two "precious babes," she yet gave evidence of her sterling worth and rare adaptation to the work.

During her husband's absence at Conference in September, 1886, she was attacked with malarial fever. She suffered intensely, but bore all patiently and with calm resignation. From the first intimation that she might not recover, she seemed perfectly resigned, saying she was in the Lord's hands and he would do what was best. On the morning of October 7 Bro. Lennox told her that the doctors had no hope of her recovery. She then asked him to find a piece of paper which she described, and read it to her. This was her consecration to the Lord, made years ago, which she now desired to hear again and renew with her dying breath. After that she spoke tenderly of father and mother and every member of the family, sending a last message of love to each. She took her children in her arms, caressed them fondly and kissed them a mother's dying farewell. "Whoever trains them," she pleaded, "let them be trained for the skies; if they can only have a crust of bread and a calico dress, let them be taught to love Jesus and be good."

Among the last of the golden utterances that fell from her lips was: "The clouds are all on this side; the other side is all bright and beautiful." At another time she said: "Well, I am all too conscious of my failures and shortcomings; but I come back to this, that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth me from all sin." And again: "Jesus is precious, Oh! so precious."

Appropriate funeral services were held at the home in Detroit the evening of her death, October 8. The funeral party took the train on Saturday for Weston, where, on Sabbath, her remains were laid to rest amid the sacred scenes of her happy childhood.

She was a woman of bright mind, wonderful memory, affectionate nature, persistent industry and deep religious devotion, for "she believed God" without a shadow of a doubt. The part of daughter, sister, friend, wife, mother, she acted well, and the world can ill afford her loss.

MRS. HARRIET WYGLE.

Mrs. Harriet Wygle, wife of Rev. E. Wygle of the Michigan Conference, died of consumption, at Kingsville, Ontario, Canada, Nov. 20, 1886. Her maiden name was Woodiwiss. She was born in Colchester, Ontario, April 29, 1844. She was the child of pious parents, was converted at the age of fourteen and shortly after joined what was then the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada. On the 17th of September, 1866, she was married to her now bereaved husband by the late Rev. Dr. J. M. Arnold. The fruits of this marriage were four children, two of whom preceeded her to the better land.

Sister Wygle was rarely endowed with native talent and amiability, and to these were added the graces of culture and religion, rendering her a person of rare excellence and worth. She was cheerful, without being frivolous; beautiful, without being vain; gentle, and yet sufficiently firm; pious, and yet without any ostentation of piety. As a worker for Christ she was very successful, particularly in the Sunday School and the revival meeting. At the altar of prayer she could take the penitent soul and lead it intelligently and quickly into the presense of Him who only can forgive sins.

Her last illness was full of religious triumph, even to the close. About the last of August, when it was seen that the end was not very far away, it was thought best to take her back to the home of her childhood, to live what little time remained to her in the presence of relatives whose love she always cherished. When at last she saw herself face to face with death, she found it difficult to surrender her earthly attachments. She said:

"How solemn it is to be so near eternity! How hard it is for me to give up and die!" Looking upon her children her great heart was touched for them, and she sighed, "My dear boys! Dear little Bennie!" But her faith in God was equal to the struggle, and she was enabled to give up every earthly thing and wait eagerly for the coming of her Lord. The last day of her life was full of holy triumph, and she prayed, "O, blessed Jesus, come! Lord Jesus, come quickly and take me to thyself." Soon after she said, "It seems as though I can see a bright light! Jesus is leading me on! I soon shall be there!" It was at the close of the day, when, sweetly as a tired child lies down to sleep, so did she fall asleep in Jesus. It was only a short, restful, gentle sleep, and then the morning bells of another life rang out and woke her up, and lo! it was morning in another world, and in the brightness of the morning, there came to her the voice of the Master, who said, "Well done. Enter into the joy of thy Lord."

MRS. JENNIE E. TANNER.

Mrs. Jennie E. Tanner, wife of the Rev. E. A. Tanner, of the Michigan Annual Conference, died at Plainwell, May 19, 1887.

Miss Jennie E. Randall was born in Monroeville, Huron County, Ohio, in 1849. Her parents were members of the Baptist church. Her mother was an earnest Christian, and was very careful in the early life of her children to teach them the principles of Christianity. Jennie, in her early life, even in childhood, became a disciple of Jesus and united with the church. When but fourteen years of age she came to Hillsdale county, Michigan, to make her home with a sister by whom she now sleeps.

In the fall and winter of 1871 and 1872 her home was with an aunt in Roxana, Eaton County. It was here that Bro. Tanner became acquainted with her, and here in February, 1872, they were united in marriage by the writer, assisted by Rev. A. P. Moors.

Bro. Tanner, then a young man, was just entering the ministry. Jennie's habits of reading, store of knowledge and critical turn of mind supplementing Bro. Tanner's taste for books and somewhat analytical cast of mind, were of great help to him. In her religious life she was not demonstrative, but we trust a true believer. She was of nervous temperament, and because of this at times suffered in almost nervous paroxysms. In this she was scarcely ever understood. She gradually sank away, retaining consciousness until near the close of life. Among the latest things of which she spoke was of her trust in Jesus.

We bore her remains to the Willett cemetery, Cambria Township, Hillsdale County. Here, surrounded by a group of friends of her earlier days, as the sun rested low in the west we committed her body to its last resting place.

"Life's labor done as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies;
While heaven and earth combine to say,
How blest the righteous when he dies."

REV. ELIJAH H. DISSETTE.

Elijah Hedding Dissette was born at Portsmouth, near Kingston, Ontario, April 11, 1848. He experienced religion at eighteen, was educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, entered the North Ohio Conference in 1872, was ordained deacon in 1874, and elder in 1876.

He served the following charges in the North Ohio Conference in the order named: Vermillion, LaPorte, Avon, Medina, Keene, Iberia and Sycamore.

In 1883 he was transferred to the Michigan Conference, and stationed at Grand Haven, in 1884 at Maple Rapids, in 1885 appointed temperance agent of this Conference, in 1886 appointed to Nashville where he died, Nov. 13, 1886, aged thirty-eight. He was of French-Irish extraction. His parents were originally Roman Catholics, but were converted and became members of the M. E. Church before he was born. His conversion at eighteen and his training in the Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, intensified his love for the Methodist Church and led him to respond cheerfully to the call of God and the Church to devote his life to the ministry.

He was a close student, a fine scholar, a brilliant preacher and lecturer. His temperance charts show his ability to portray vividly by pencil, the evils of the rum traffic.

In 1873 he was married to Miss Etta Farwell of Ashland, O. God blessed this home with four lovely children, all of whom survive.

It might be said of our brother that he ceased at once to work and live. The Sabbath before his death in his sermon at Maple Grove, he asked, "Is there any reason why a revival should not begin at once? So many want to wait till after the holidays; why not have a revival now and get these young people converted and present them as a Christmas offering to Christ?" At the close of his last sermon at Nashville he rallied the membership for a prayer meeting. As he walked up and down the aisle he exclaimed: "I'm in a hurry to see men saved—never in such a hurry in my life. Soon, it may be, I shall be in my grave and my work not done." Such language seemed prophetic as it was pathetic. The chill of death was upon him even then. When he reached his home he complained of feeling ill, steadily grew worse until he took to his bed and died Saturday afternoon.

On Thursday before he died, he said: "I did not think I could resign my little family into the hands of God without a struggle, but to my surprise I can do it easily. Oh, it is wonderful!"

Just before he died his wife thought to soothe him by singing his favorite hymn, "The Lily of the Valley." As the children joined her, he would prompt them when their emotion hindered utterance, while he gently, with fast expiring breath, joined in the interlude "Hallelujah!" His last words were, "Let us go up." His wife, thinking he meant up stairs, asked if that was what he meant. He replied, "No, to the Upper Sanctuary, where Cornelius and John, and the rest of them are."

The funeral services were very tender and appropriate. The floral offering was beautiful and expressive. The church felt very keenly their loss, and though bereaved themselves, stifled their cries while they endeavored to console the widow and fatherless children.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

REV. A. M. FITCH.

In the death of Rev. Andrew Mason Fitch, Michigan Methodism has lost one of its oldest and most highly esteemed ministers. His death occurred January 8, 1887, at his home in Albion, after a long and painful illness. But his strong faith in Jesus Christ gave him power to rejoice in suffering, and when the last conflict came the glorious gospel he had preached to others gave him victory over the last enemy, and he entered into everlasting rest.

Bro. Fitch was born at Cherry Valley, Otsego County, New York, March 15, 1815. He removed to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1826. While yet in his youth he gave his heart to God, and united with the M. E. church. In his nineteenth year he was granted a license to exhort. In 1838, at Tiffin, Ohio, he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Waugh, and in 1839 he entered the ministry. He was ordained elder by Bishop Hedding at Marshall, Michigan, in 1842. His early charges were Lima and Toledo, Ohio, and then successively Monroe, Adrian, Detroit, Jackson, Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids. From Grand Rapids he was appointed to the Marshall District. From Marshall District he went into the work of the Western Seamen's Friend Society. In 1856 he was appointed U. S. Indian agent, which work he undertook with the approval of the bishop and the missionary authorities of the church. From 1861 to 1876 he remained in secular life, but always ready for any work he could do as a local minister. In 1876 he joined again the Michigan Conference, and from that time served successively at Olivet, Otsego, Hillsdale, Quincy and Mason. He retired to the superannuated ranks in

1883, and since that time has preached whenever strength would allow.

Bro. Fitch was twice married. First, in 1841, to Miss Cornelia Crittendon, at Adrian, who died leaving one son and two daughters, who are still living. His second marriage was to Miss Susan C. Searles, of Newark, N. J., who still survives him.

Bro. Fitch was no ordinary man. With dignity so natural and refinement of manner so spontaneous, the most cultivated society gave him welcome and the poorest delighted in his visits. He was an impressive and instructive preacher, and his pulpit always made attractive the vital truths of the blessed gospel.

When the final summons came he peacefully entered into the joy of his Lord.

REV. JAMES P. FORCE.

Rev. James Prince Force was born in Aurora, Erie County, New York, July 14, 1831. His parents were Methodists. Both of them died while he was yet a boy, after which he found a home with a sister in New York, and later with a brother in Michigan. At Winchester, Indiana, October 24, 1852, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah R. Hull, who survives him. To them were born four children: Mrs. Gregory, of Keeler, Mrs. Harris, of Jackson, Mrs. Hoover, of Nebraska, and Mrs. Rev. W. R. Clancey, a missionary of the M. E. church, at Agra, India, are all living. At Constantine, Michigan, in 1858, under the pastorate of Rev. L. W. Earl, he was converted to God. He was active in Christian work, and on his reception into full membership he was licensed to preach, and soon afterwards was employed as supply on the Orland and Angola Circuit, North Indiana Conference. In 1860 he was admitted on trial in the North Indiana Conference and appointed to Lima, returning the second year. In 1862 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Simpson and appointed to Butler Circuit, remaining two years. Here his labors in revival work were signally blessed. In 1864 he was ordained elder by Bishop Morris and appointed to Roanoke. During this year his health failed, and he retired from the ministry and engaged in business. In 1868 he was admitted into the Michigan Conference. His appointments have been Benton Harbor, Coloma and Watervliet, Keeler, Cassopolis, Lawton, Plainwell, Wayland, Grand Haven, Plainfield Avenue, Grand Rapids, Galesburg and Decatur. In May, 1884, failing health led him to resign his charge, and he moved to Keeler, Van Buren County. At the Conference of 1884 he took a superannuated relation. At Grand Haven, Bro. Force undertook a church building enterprise. He succeeded, but the effort was too great for his strength, and his health never became firm again. With the hope of improving his health, he decided to try the climate further west. Early in May last he went to Nebraska and entered a homestead. Returning, he began to make preparations for removal. When his arrangements were almost completed he was seized with apoplexy, and he journeyed "to a better country, that is a heavenly."

Bro. Force's pastorates were usually successful. Revivals were frequent in his ministry. At Benton Harbor, Watervliet, Cassopolis, Grand Haven and Plainfield Avenue, Grand Rapids, he was successful in church building enterprises. After his superannuation he identified himself with the financial and spiritual interests of the Church. The Sunday preceding his death found him in the House of the Lord. He addressed the Sunday school, and speaking of his going away he said: "Wife and I have talked it all over. We are resigned to whatever may come, for we feel heaven will be as near us in Nebraska as in Michigan." Tuesday following, May 24, 1887, about 3 P. M., while attending to the public sale of his goods, he was stricken with apoplexy. Thursday morning, May 26, he quietly fell asleep in Jesus.

"Servant of God, well done;
 The glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won,
 And thou art crowned at last."

CONSTITUTION

OF

P. S. F. S OF MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE I.

The names of the persons associating in this Society, to be known and recognized as the Preachers' Savings Fund Society of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and adopted this 18th day of September, 1871, are to be found in the original Constitution of this Society, under the head of Article 1, which has undergone no change.

ARTICLE II.

This Society shall be called and known as the Preachers' Savings Fund Society of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall have its office, for the transaction of business, at Albion, Calhoun County, in the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE III.

This Society, or incorporation, shall exist for a period of thirty (30) years.

ARTICLE IV.

The objects of this Society shall be to hold or receive moneys, legacies, bequests, gifts, stocks, bonds, and any kind of securities or property, and hold the same for the benefit of the widows or children of deceased ministers or preachers, who shall be members of this Society, and who shall be members of the Michigan Annual Conference at the time of their decease.

It may also hold such money, or the above described property for the benefit of such living ministers, members of the Michigan Annual Conference and of this Society, as in the judgment of this Society, are in need of pecuniary aid: *Provided*, That no part of the funds of this Society shall be applied to the relief of any living minister, until his case has been brought before the Society, at its annual meeting: *Provided, further*, That whenever any member of this Society, who is also a member of the Michigan Annual Conference, shall be transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he may retain his membership in this Society by continuing to meet all of his obligations to it, while he continues a member in good standing in such Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: *Provided, further*, That preachers on trial, in the said Michigan Annual Conference, may be entitled to all the rights and benefits of this Society on the same conditions as members of the same Conference who are in full connection.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Trustees, who shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are elected. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees, and the President shall preside in the meetings of said Board, and of the Society also. All elections for officers shall be by ballot and by the Society, and all officers shall be elected at the annual meeting, except to fill vacancies, which shall be filled by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI.

This Society shall hold its annual meeting on the second day of the session of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in each year, at the place at which such Conference is held, and a majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such annual meeting.

ARTICE VII.—MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS.

SEC. 1 The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall select a competent physician, residing at or near the seat of the Annual Conference, whose duty it shall be to examine any and all candidates for admission to this Society.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to elect a Medical Examiner-in-Chief, who shall hold office for the period of three years unless sooner removed for cause. It shall be his duty to prepare blank forms of examination which shall equal in requirements, those of the best insurance organizations. The Medical Examiner-in-Chief shall pass upon all examinations made by the subordinate Medical Examiner, and his approval or rejection shall be final.

SEC. 3. Any person receiving a majority vote of the members in attendance at the annual meeting, and by the payment of five dollars and the Medical Examiners' fees into the treasury of the Society, having passed the required medical examination, and who at the time of such examination shall not be over forty-five (45) years of age, may become a member of this Society. In case of rejection by Medical Examiners, all money paid into the treasury of the Society shall be refunded, except so much as is required to pay the examiners' fees.

SEC. 4. Upon the death of a member the Secretary shall immediately notify each surviving member, of the amount of his assessment and that the same is due and payable within sixty days from date of such notice. Failure to comply with this requirement, shall in the discretion of the Society, be deemed to have worked a forfeiture of membership and of any and every interest of such delinquent in the Society, or of its properties and benefits.

ARTICLE VIII.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Trustees, and shall perform all of the duties belonging to his office, and such other duties as the By-Laws of the Society or the Board of Trustees shall direct, and in his absence these duties shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

ARTICLE IX.

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all the proceedings of the Society and the Board of Trustees, and cause the same to be recorded in a book provided for that purpose. He shall receive all moneys paid into this Society and enter the same in his record, with the sources from which they came; pay all moneys over to the Treasurer immediately, taking his receipt for the same.

ARTICLE X.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys or property belonging to the Society and shall hold the same subject to the order of the Board of Trustees. He shall report annually the state of the finances, and the condition of all property in his hands belonging to the Society, or oftener if the Board of Trustees shall so direct. He shall give a bond to the Society in a penal sum of at least double the amount in his hands belonging to the Society, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

ARTICLE XI.

SEC. 1. All money belonging to the Society, except so much as may be necessary to pay the usual running expenses and such appropriations as the Board of Trustees may order, according to these articles, shall be funded under the direction of the Board of Trustees and said Board shall have charge of all lands, tenements, stocks, bonds, mortgages, securities, or effects of every nature whatsoever, and shall invest the same, and cause them to be paid over for the purposes of the Society. *Provided*, That the interest or the profits only shall be used forever, except also such special assessments as are provided for in Article 12, of these

Articles of Association. *Provided*, further, That at the expiration of the time for which this Society is organized; it shall have power to dispose of all funds and securities of every nature, in such manner as it shall judge proper.

SEC. 2. The Trustees shall have no power to pay out money in violation of Article 4 of these Articles of Association.

ARTICLE XII.

SEC. 1. Whenever any member of this Association, who is also a member in good standing in the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or having been transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church while holding membership in this Association, shall die, and being at the time of his decease in good standing in this Society and the Conference to which he belongs, the Trustees shall cause to be paid to his widow, or if he leave no widow, then to the children of said deceased minister, the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars:

Provided, That said deceased minister has paid into the Society's fund at least the sum of fifty (50) dollars: but if the whole amount paid into the funds of the Society shall not amount to fifty (50) dollars, by such deceased minister, as above stated, then the Trustees shall deduct from the one thousand dollars to be paid to the widow or children of said deceased minister, as provided for in Section 1 of this Article, such sum as will, when added to the sum of payments of said deceased minister, make the sum of fifty (50) dollars as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. The payment provided for in Section 1 of this Article shall be paid at the next session of the Michigan Annual Conference succeeding the death of such deceased minister.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of this society, whenever a death, as stated in Section 1 of this Article, shall occur, to meet as soon thereafter as possible and proceed to estimate the amount which will be in the hands of the Treasurer at the next ensuing session of the Michigan Annual Conference, arising from interest or profits of the invested funds; also the probable amount arising from the annual dues of the membership; and they shall set apart three-fourths (¾) of such annual payments to apply on the one thousand (1000) dollars provided for in Section 1 of this Article; also such interest or profits as arise from the invested funds, and then they shall assess the balance necessary to make up the one thousand (1000) dollars upon the members of the Society, each member being assessed in a sum equal to every other member.

SEC. 4. Upon the death of a member it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of his assessment by sending him a written or printed statement or notice of the amount assessed against him, and request the payment of the same, within thirty days from date of said notice, and if the assessment or assessments are not paid by the next session of the Society, at its annual meeting, the name of the member or members so refusing or neglecting to pay shall be stricken from the roll of the Society, and all moneys which the said members have paid into the Society shall be forfeited to its use. *Provided,* that no member of the society thus forfeiting his membership by non-payment of assessments shall be entitled to any benefits from the Society until all assessments and dues are paid; and if death occurs during such delinquency all claims of such persons shall be forfeited. (See Amendment.)

ARTICLE XIII.

This Society shall hold the money belonging to the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased ministers of said Conference, commonly known as the Parkhurst Fund, and the Treasurer shall report annually, and oftener if called upon by the Trustees or the President to do so, the state of this fund. The Society shall report annually to the Michigan Annual Conference, and pay over the interest which has accrued on said fund at each session of said Conference, and the order of said Conference, attested by its Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for the payment of such interest.

ARTICLE XIV.

All gifts, legacies or bequests which shall be made to the Society or placed in its keeping shall be sacredly kept, held and disbursed, according to the terms or conditions of said gifts, legacies, or bequests; and neither the Trustees nor the Society shall have any power to divert either the principal or the interest, or any part thereof, from the purpose designed by the donor or donors of said legacies or bequests.

ARTICLE XV.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting, provided such amendment or amendments shall be offered in writing at the first session of the annual meeting, the same to be voted on at the second or a later session of the same annual meeting.

AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. Any person having paid ten (10) dollars into the treasury of the Society may be elected to membership in the Society, at any annual meeting by a majority vote, and such may thereafter be continued by the payment of two (2) dollars annually, and such assessments as may, from time to time be made upon him.

SEC. 2. Each member of this Society shall pay annually the sum of eight dollars in addition to the two dollars hitherto required. This shall be construed to be a reserve fund to be drawn upon whenever in any year the claims from death shall exceed that amount.

ARTICLE XII.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall notify each member of the amount of his assessments, and a failure to pay the same by the member so notified, by or before the next annual session of the Society, shall, in the discretion of the Society, be deemed to have worked a forfeiture of membership and of any and every interest of such delinquent in the Society, or its properties and benefits.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

The asterisk signifies membership in the Pastors' Savings Fund Society. All these post-offices are in Michigan unless otherwise noted.

*Aldrich, W. J., Muskegon.
Allen, J., Bellaire.
Ambrose, J. C., Cadillac.
Armstrong, E. V., Mendon.
Arney, J. W., Danby.

*Bacon, E. D., Grandville.
*Ball, D. O., Petoskey.
*Bangs, F. B., Eaton Rapids.
Bargelt, H. S., Galesburg.
*Barnes, D. F., Kalamazoo.
*Barnes, G. S., Harbor Springs.
*Barnhart, C. L., Charlotte.
*Barrett, W., Kalamazoo.
Bass, W. A., Augusta.
Beach, A. C., Pierson.
*Beach, J. C., Luther.
Bell, F. I.
*Bennett, I., Quincy.
*Bennett, L. M., Ann Arbor.
Berry, J., Sonoma.
*Bowen, J. R., Fowler.
*Bray, N. L., Coldwater.
Bramfitt, R., Nashville.
*Bready, R. H.
*Bready, J. A., Austin, Neb.
*Brockway, N. L., Johnsville.
*Brockway, W. H., Albion.
Bruce, D. G., Manton.
*Buell, J. I., Grand Rapids.
*Buell, G. A., Coloma.
Buell, J. W., Newaygo.
Burns, A. W., Keene.
*Bushee, A. W., Spencer Creek.

*Calkins, L. W., Climax.
Callen, M. M., Lansing.
*Carlisle, J. W. H., Union City.
*Carrel, M. D., St. Joseph.
Cawthorne, J. W., Mill Brook.
Chapin, G. W., Fostoria.
Chamberlain, H. C., Edwardsburg.
*Chick, C., Whitehall.
Clancy, Judson V., Jackson.
*Clark, T., Moline.
*Clubine, J., Springport.
*Cogshall, W. I., Niles.
*Colby, W. M., North Lansing.
*Cooley, E., Marengo.
*Coplin, W. M., Parma.
Cox, Thos., Concord.
*Crawford, R. C., Grand Rapids.
Cronk, D., Grand Rapids.
Crozier, J. G., Grand Rapids.

*Daniels, G., Ludington.
*Dawkins, C. C.
*Day, E. H., Oshtemo.
Davids, J. W., Cedar Springs.
Dayton, J. N., Wayland.
*DeLaMarter, L., Mason.
*Denman, W., Sturgis.
Desjardins, P., 70 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, Mass.
Donaldson, G., Parkville.
Douglass, W. J., Hersey.
*Draper, G. C., Hillsdale.
*Draper, J., Dunseith, Dak.
*Dunton, A. A., Shacklesford, Va.

*Earle, L. W., Jonesville.
*Edmonds, L. M., Bellevue.
*Eldred, A. J., Elk Rapids.
Eldred, A. N., Litchfield.
*Elliot, G. C., Mattawan.
*Engle, D., Eaton Rapids.

*Ferguson, A. T., South Haven.
*Fisher, C. H., Cooper.
Floody, R. J., Albion.
*Floyd, J. C., Big Rapids.
Fow, D. W., Banfield.
Fox, C. S., Vandalia.

Freeman, F. J.
French, W. P.
Frye, W. A., Spring Lake.

*Gamble, A. H.
*Garlick, L. M., Woodland.
*Gardner, W., Albion.
*George, T. T., Middleville.
Gillett, A. H., Wyoming, Ohio.
*Glass, F., Grand Rapids.
*Golden, O. J., Edmore.
*Gosling, G. W., Keelerville.
*Gould, A. M., Ionia.
*Graham, John, Grand Rapids.
*Greene, D. A., Fife Lake.
Griffith, A. M.
Grosenbaugh, L., Greenville.
*Gulick, J., Mancelona.
*Griffin, L. J., Albion.

Haight, G. L., Whitehall.
*Hallenbeck, J. W., Portland.
*Hamilton, Jas., Battle Creek.
*Hamilton, S. L., Buchanan.
*Hansom, W., Traverse City.
*Harder, J. S., Nashville.
Hartley, J. J., Evanston, Ill.
*Hathaway, W. J., Berrien Springs.
Hawley, H. R., Shelby.
*Haviland, D. S., Lakeview.
*Heath, W., Traverse City.
Henderson, H. P., Albion.
*Hewitt, S. P., Williamsburg.
Hickey, G. S., Jackson.
Hicks, G. S., Sherman.
Hill, T. J., Boyne City.
*Hills, J., Ithaca.
*Hoag, G. W., Albion.
Holding, C. B., Detroit.
*Hollister, G. E., Casnovia.
*Hollowell, J. W., Damon.
*Hopkins, J. H., Ypsilanti.
*Horner, J W., Byron Center.
Howe, C. H., Julian, Dak.
Howe, G. W., Frankfort.
*Hoyt, John, Allen.
*Hunsberger, A., Allen.
*Hunsberger, W. A., Coldwater.
Hunt, H. B., Vicksburg.

*Iddings, J. T., Reading.

*Jacokes, T. H., Lyons.
*Jacokes, C. A., Ithaca.
*Janes, F. N., Palo.
Jennings, Wm., Grand Haven.
Johnson, W. W., Grand Rapids.
*Jordan, H. D., Holland.
*Jones. C. W., Reading.
Judd, W., Lake View.

*Kellogg, E. L., Quincy.
Ketcham, A. E., South Haven.
Keillor, A. R., Bowne.
King, E. H., Carson City.
*Kitzmiller, S., Richland.
*Klose, J., White Pigeon.
*Knappen, A. A., Niles.
Knott, J. B., Berlin.
Kulp, G. B., Otsego.

Latham, D. R., Garden City, Kan.
*Lamport, W. W., Hartford.
*Lee, G. D., Hastings.
Lennox, L. E., North Adams.
Loomis, M. F., Battle Creek.
Lyon, T., Homer.
*Lumber, E. T., Kalamazoo.

*Marble, E., Harbor Springs.
*Marsh, N. D., Albion.
*Marzolf, J., Albion.
*Mason, U., Lawton.
*Master, L., Kalamazoo.
Matthews, G. E., Chase.
*Matthews. L. S., Bronson.
*Maveety, P. J., Ovid.
Maybee, W. J., Schoolcraft.
*McAllister, J. J., Stanton.
McAllister, J. W., Sickles.
McGregor, R. S., Shepardsville.
*McKee, S. D., Martin.
*McChesney, E. S., Allegan.
*Merritt, S. M., Coldwater.
Middleton, R. N., Fennville.
*Miller, J. W., Manistee.
Mills, B. S.
Morgan, H., Grand Rapids.
*Moors, A. P., Ionia.

*Mount, G. L., Elsie.
Mosher, W. P., Somerset Center.

*Newell, E. F., Howard City.
Newton, A. D., St. Johns.
*Nicholson, T., Girard.

Odin, J. R., Dayton.
*Odlum, G. A., Evart.
*Olds, C. C., Lansing.
*Orwick, J. F., Centreville.

*Paddock, W. M., Burr Oak.
*Paddock, O. S., Bloomingdale.
Paddock, B. E.
*Parsons, D. W., Hanover.
Parsons, W. H., Bangor.
Patterson, E. B., Benton Harbor.
Peach, I. W., Grand Ledge.
*Pengelly, R., Kalamazoo.
*Perry, O. H. Prairieville.
*Pitezel, J. H., Three Rivers.
*Potts, J. H., Detroit.
Potter, A., Osseo.
*Pratt, B. S., Grand Ledge.
*Prouty, W., Marcellus.
Puffer, W. M., Grand Rapids.

Rawlinson, J. W., Plainwell.
*Reid, John M., 805 Broadway, New York.
Reid, J. W., Three Rivers.
*Richards, J. H., South Haven.
*Riehl, D. C., St. Louis.
Riley, W., Marshall.
*Riley, Thos., Potterville.
Robe, J. T., Kalamazoo.
*Roberts, J., Fremont.
*Rolfe, A. A.
Robinson, G. S., East Jordan.
*Rork, W. W., Homer.

*Sherman, G. W., Traverse City.
Shire, R., Lacota.
*Shorts, R., Mt. Pleasant.
Skinner, I. H., Long Pine, Neb.
Sly, W. S.
Smith, Albert, Hubbardston.
Smith, B. W., Bijou Hills, Dak.
*Smith, C. W., Clare.
*Smith, M. W. F., Mosherville.
*Sprague, J. A., Grand Rapids.
*Stark, J. K., Reed City.
*Steffe, J. W., Winfield.
*Steele, S., Northport.
*Steele, N. M., Hart.
*Stevens, E. G., Fulton.
*Stinchcomb, W. R., Marshall.
*Strickland, S. C., Constantine.
Sturgis, A. H., Eagle.
*Swift, W. J., Bath.

Taft, H. S., Montague.
*Tallman, I. B., Maple Rapids.
*Tanner, J. H., Paw Paw.
Tanner, E. A., Lake City.
*Taylor, I., Dawson, Dak.
Tench, E., Pokagon.
*Tiney, S. C., Farwell.
Tindall, R. W., Kendall.
*Thompson, W. H., Lansing.
Thompson, F. L., Big Rapids.
*Thomas, C. G., Dowagiac.
*Thomas, J. H., Vermontville.
*Treadgold, E., Harrison.
*Tuthill, G. W., Tekonsha.

*Valentine, J. S., Evanston, Ill.
*VanAntwerp, C. T., Altoona.
*VanDeWalker, F. A., Orleans.
*VanHorn, G. A., Plainwell.
Varion, Geo., Rockford.

*Wakefield, A., Middleville.
*Ward, D. M., Royal Oak.
*Watkins, O. D., Cadillac.
*Webster, J., Leslie.
*Welch, R. C., Albion.
*Weyant, S. A., Coral.
*Wheeler, A. J., Sparta.
*White, J., Decatur.
*White, J. E., Cooperville.
White, J. W., Olivet.
*Whitman, B. H., Norwood.
*Whitwam, E. A.
*Wightman, I. R. A., Albion.
Wightman, O. E., Ionia.
*Wilson, I., Cassopolis.
Woodard, D. C., Saranac.
Woodard, S. C., Ovid.
Wright, R. A.
Wygle, E.

*Young, E. D., Colon.
Young, Thos., Breckinridge.
*Younglove, Lawrence.

PROBATIONERS.

Aler, Levi, Paris.
Arney, J. E.

Barth, W., Albion.
Bennett, J. H., Ada.
Bliss, F. F., Millbrook.

Chase, J. C., Monterey.
Chase, G. D., Pentwater.
Craig, A. E., Evanston.

Dobson, John, Okemos.

Eagle, I., Northport.
Ellsworth, D. F., Cross Village.

Gibbs, N. E., Belding.

Hart, A. F., Alma.
Harding, W. F., Comstock.

Kenyon, L. B., Albion.
Killeen, Geo., Coleman.

Lockhart, G. H., Shepard.
*Luther, A. T., Lowell.

Miner, M. M., Irving.
Montgomery, J. S., Howard City.
Muffitt, W. C., Cambria.

Nagler, A. G., Sheridan.

Rankin, H. P., Ludington.
Rible, T. R., Ravenna.
Rowland, W. D., Hastings.
Ruoff, J., Albion.

Scott, Ira A., Sanford.
Smith, A. G.
Snyder, M. W., Freesoil.
Sonnema, C. J., North Muskegon.
Stewart, A. K., Grandville.

Theobald, C. H., Ludington.
Thomas, D. L., Burlington.
Tindall, Thos., Stittsville.

Urch, W. H. B., Albion.

Williams, A. S., Caledonia.

Young, R. M., Camden.

The following persons, not members of this Conference, are members of the P. S. F. S.: T. F. Hildreth, M. A. Daugherty, S. McElwee, F. L. McCoy, J. W. Moon, L. H. Pearce, S. P. Warner, E. Wilkinson, Wm. Harrison and G. L. Cole.

SESSIONS OF THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE PRESENT TIME.

TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
Sept. 7, 1836	Mansfield, Ohio	J. Soule	H. O. Sheldon.
Sept. 6, 1837	Detroit, Mich.	R. R. Roberts	Edward Thompson.
Sept. 5, 1838	Tiffin, Ohio	Beverly Waugh	Edward Thompson.
Sept. 4, 1839	Ann Arbor, Mich.	J. Soule	Edward Thompson.
Aug. 19, 1840	Marshall, Mich.	E. Hedding	H. Colclazer.
Sept. 15, 1841	White Pigeon, Mich	R. R. Roberts	H. Colclazer.
Aug. 17, 1842	Adrian, Mich	T. A. Morris	H. Colclazer.
Aug. 16, 1843	Ann Arbor, Mich.	J. Soule	J. S. Harrison.
Oct. 2, 1844	Coldwater, Mich	L. L. Hamlin	H. Colclazer.
Sept. 10, 1845	Detroit, Mich.	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer.
Sept. 23, 1846	Marshall, Mich.	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer.
Sept. 15, 1847	Ypsilanti, Mich.	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 6, 1848	Kalamazoo, Mich	E. S. Janes	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 5, 1849	Adrian, Mich	L. L. Hamlin	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 4, 1850	Albion, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 3, 1851	Monroe, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 15, 1852	Niles, Mich	Levi Scott	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 14, 1853	Detroit, Mich	Beverly Waugh	E. H. Pilcher.
Sept. 13, 1854	Ann Arbor, Mich	O. C. Baker	T. C. Gardner.
Sept. 5, 1855	Flint, Mich	E. R. Ames	T. C. Gardner.
Oct. 1, 1856	Coldwater, Mich	T. A. Morris	R. C. Crawford.
Sept. 16, 1857	Lansing, Mich	Beverly Waugh	R. C. Crawford.
Sept. 15, 1858	Kalamazoo, Mich	E. R. Ames	R. C. Crawford.
Sept. 14, 1859	Marshall, Mich	E. S. Janes	R. C. Crawford.
Sept. 27, 1860	Ionia, Mich	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex.
Oct. 2, 1861	Battle Creek, Mich	E. R. Ames	T. H. Sinex.
Oct. 1, 1862	Grand Rapids, Mich	L. Scott	T. H. Sinex.
Sept. 23, 1863	Jackson, Mich	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex.
Sept. 28, 1864	Niles, Mich	O. C. Baker	J. W. Robinson.
Sept. 13, 1865	Albion, Mich	E. R. Ames	L. R. Fisk.
Sept. 6, 1866	Hillsdale, Mich	M. Simpson	A. A. Dunton.
Sept. 11, 1867	Lansing, Mich	D. W. Clark	M. B. Camburn.
Sept. 3, 1868	Three Rivers, Mich	E. R. Ames	M. B. Camburn.
Sept. 15, 1869	Grand Rapids, Mich	L. Scott	M. B. Camburn.
Aug. 31, 1870	Coldwater, Mich	D. W. Clark	M. B. Camburn.
Sept. 13, 1871	St. Joseph, Mich	E. S. Janes	M. B. Camburn.
Sept. 18, 1872	Jackson, Mich	E. R. Ames	J. I. Buell.
Sept. 10, 1873	Ionia, Mich	I. W. Wiley	G. B. Jocelyn.
Sept. 9, 1874	Kalamazoo, Mich	M. Simpson	G. B. Jocelyn.
Sept. 8, 1875	Battle Creek, Mich	L. Scott	G. B. Jocelyn.
Sept. 13, 1876	Niles, Mich	G. Haven	G. B. Jocelyn.
Sept. 5, 1877	Grand Rapids, Mich	S. M. Merrill	A. R. Boggs.
Sept. 4, 1878	Three Rivers, Mich	J. T. Peck	A. R. Boggs.
Sept. 10, 1879	Ionia, Mich	R. S. Foster	H. M. Joy.
Sept. 15, 1880	Muskegon, Mich	T. Bowman	H. M. Joy.
Aug. 31, 1881	Jackson, Mich	R. S. Foster	H. M. Joy.
Sept. 6, 1882	Coldwater, Mich	E. G. Andrews	W. I. Cogshall.
Sept. 5, 1883	Albion, Mich	W. L. Harris	W. I. Cogshall.
Sept. 10, 1884	Lansing, Mich	W. X. Ninde	W. I. Cogshall.
Sept. 24, 1885	Grand Rapids, Mich	H. W. Warren	W. I. Cogshall.
Sept. 15, 1886	Kalamazoo, Mich	J. F. Hurst	W. I. Cogshall.
Sept. 7, 1887	Bay View, Mich	W. X. Ninde	I. R. A. Wightman.

OUR PROMOTED BROTHERS.

Dan Barnes, died Sept. 8, 1840.
Shadrach Ruark, May 17, 1846.
Jonathan E. Champlin, Sept 15, '46.
Thomas Fox, Aug. 30, 1847.
Allen Staples, Oct. 21, 1847.
G. J. Shurtleff, Feb. 28, 1849.
Josiah Brakeman, July 19, 1849.
Octavius Mason, Oct. 5, 1850.
Geo. King, Oct. 27, 1850.
Jno. Ercanbrack, May 7, 1852.
Judson D. Collins, May 12, 1852.
Lee McQuigg, Oct. 15, 1853.
Nelson Barnum, Aug. 5, 1854.
Clark T. Hinman, Oct. 21, 1854.
Ransom Goodell, Aug. 8, 1855.
J. J. Whitmore, Aug. 12, 1855.
Seth B. Finch, March 6, 1857.
Geo. Bignell, Dec. 31, 1858.
Jno. K. Gillet, June 27, 1860.
Newland Cleveland, in army, date not found.
Samuel A. Osborn, May 14, 1862.
Wm. C. Comfort, June 15, 1862.
Amos Benson, Jan. 16, 1863.
Oscar F. Chase, Oct. 17, 1863.
Washington I. Blowers, in army, date not found.
Peter Greensky, April 8, 1866.
Hiram Law, Sept. 9, 1866.
Joseph Jennings, May 23, 1867.
Elijah Crane, April 23, 1868.
A. L. Hoag, Dec. 4, 1869.
David Thomas, Jan. 11, 1870.
Wm. Hott, a probationer, Sept. 26, 1870.
Geo. Bradley, April, 15, 1871.
M. B. Camburn, Oct. 17, 1871.
Wm. McKnight, March 28, 1872.
Wm. Ford, Oct. 21, 1872.
Jesse E. McAllister, Dec. 14, 1872.
Edgar Beard, March 4, 1873.
Rezin Sapp, May 5, 1873.
J. L. Child, Sept. 10, 1873.
L. C. Austin, Dec. 24, 1873.
G. L. Gilbert, Sept. 2, 1874.
Wilson Gray, Dec. 17, 1874.
Benj. Sabin, Feb. 17, 1875.
J. E. Bayliss, a probationer, Oct. 5, 1875.
Nathan Mount, Feb. 8, 1876.
L. Chatfield, July 23, 1876.
Geo. B. Jocelyn, Jan. 27, 1877.
Henry Penfield, January 19, 1877.
James Hulin, May 9, 1877.
David Burns, July 28, 1877.
Joseph Jones, date not found, 1877.
Fred M. Deitz, Sept. 11, 1877.
Gilbert A. Phillips, Nov. 7, 1877.
Samuel S. Wilson, Jan. 18, 1878.
Thomas Cleghorne, Feb. 24, 1878.
Israel Cogshall, April 7, 1879.
Benj F. Doughty, June 8, 1879.
W. F. Jenkins, date not found, '79.
Moss I. Smith, Oct. 22, 1880.
Wm. M. Ball, Jan. 8, 1881.
Jas. W. Robinson, Jan. 13, 1881.
Wm. H. Perrine, Jan. 22, 1881.
E. C. Chambers, March 11, 1881.
Henry Worthington, July 10, 1881.
Otis L. Gibson, Nov. 14, 1881.
D. D. Gillet, May 6, 1882.
A. T. Gray, May 17, 1882.
Alvin Billings, July 6, 1882.
Wm. Bronson, Feb. 22, 1883.
Joseph Greenstead, June 5, 1883.
Jeremy Boynton, September, 1883.
W. E. Newlon, date not given, 1883.
V. G. Boynton, Oct. 12, 1883.
F. D. Hemenway, April 19, 1884.
Thomas J. Congdon, Feb. 5, 1884.
Horace Hall, March 14, 1884.
W. W. Elder, May 11, 1884.
Wm. Doust, May 20, 1885.
W. S. Foster, Aug. 31, 1885.
A. L. Crittenden, Oct. 21, 1885.
N. Fassett, Nov. 7, 1885.
F. Gage, Jan. 1, 1886.
A. J. Van Wyck, Jan. 9, 1886.
S. Nelson, July 3, 1886.
Henry M. Joy, Sept. 30, 1886.
Elijah H. Dissette, Nov. 13, 1886.
Andrew M. Fitch, Jan. 8, 1887.
James P. Force, May 26, 1887.

Statistics for Albion District, Michigan Conference, 1887.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Minister'l Support.		
																		Missions.													
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Albion	39	678	16	1	3	31	1	10000	----	----	----	----	----	450	1	29	290	83	235	318	24	6	4	123	59	22	98	95	1586	132	23
Battle Creek	47	485	2	4	17	22	1	25000	1	2000	260	----	----	850	1	32	295	210	30	240	20	8	2	20	9	4	130	40	1769	121	115
Bellevue	21	253	----	1	9	6	2	5000	1	1000	80	----	----	120	2	41	260	110	10	120	22	4	2	22	15	6	----	31	1033	55	13
Concord	18	135	1	1	----	2	3	6000	1	700	400	----	----	125	1	19	85	50	3	53	10	1	1	10	6	2	----	----	872	25	2
Hanover and Moscow	24	195	3	1	----	19	2	8000	1	1200	948	165	----	175	2	26	215	50	33	83	15	4	2	15	5	6	42	21	1059	44	3
Homer	31	241	2	3	----	5	1	13500	1	1500	500	----	----	250	1	27	306	25	132	157	8	1	1	8	8	4	36	10	1008	61	8
Jackson, Cooper St.	4	100	1	..	2	----	1	3000	----	----	----	50	49	75	1	15	85	15	5	20	1	1	1	1	----	----	----	----	329	10	----
" First Church	31	570	3	11	7	30	1	65000	----	----	1400	----	----	1050	1	54	547	137	213	350	37	10	5	75	10	10	116	137	2174	166	37
" Haven "	12	133	----	4	7	1	1	1200	----	----	----	68	1488	81	1	28	265	20	6	26	1	1	----	1	5	----	50	5	648	17	2
Leroy	3	99	----	1	----	8	2	5000	1	500	25	----	----	54	2	20	125	48	7	55	10	2	1	10	10	3	20	8	607	26	12
Leslie	13	165	1	2	----	8	1	4000	----	----	25	130	----	75	2	17	145	24	9	33	1	1	1	1	5	----	----	----	701	11	----
Liberty	28	130	----	2	6	26	2	3100	1	400	14	----	----	120	2	26	163	50	15	65	2	1	1	2	11	1	50	2	662	30	12
Litchfield	17	100	----	1	----	----	2	4000	1	1600	14	12	13	75	2	21	140	21	3	24	6	2	1	6	4	----	25	----	600	8	----
Marengo	12	103	----	..	----	----	1	2500	1	1000	70	----	----	----	3	25	123	36	18	54	8	2	1	10	10	3	24	----	690	25	----
Marshall	15	170	1	5		9	1	1200	1	1200	150	----	----	150	1	23	190	46	11	57	13	2	1	8	21	4	34	10	799	17	3
Mosherville	41	122	1	2	15	43	2	3300	1	600	----	----	----	100	6	66	319	47	3	50	10	2	1	10	6	3	----	1	723	23	8
Olivet & Partello	41	82	1	..	----	8	2	5000	2	1300	400	----	200	50	2	20	140	33	1	34	4	1	----	3	9	1	----	----	526	15	2
Parma	10	155	----	2	..	14	2	10000	1	2000	380	----	----	150	2	29	223	61	17	78	15	4	2	15	15	6	21	13	965	36	----
Penfield	5	189	----	2	1	9	1	1800	----	----	----	----	----	50	5	40	300	73	27	100	5	3	2	9	18	2	36	24	710	47	7
Springport	11	62	----	2	----	14	1	1500	1	1000	----	----	----	70	2	15	119	----	24	24	2	1	1	2	3	1	----	----	683	8	4
Tekonsha	5	128	3	3	..	3	2	5500	1	1500	400	----	----	100	2	27	167	50	7	57	8	2	1	8	6	2	37	4	850	30	6
Winfield	25	157	1	2	2	47	3	4500	1	800	1500	30	500	125	3	30	155	43	8	51	5	1	1	5	8	2	41	----	695	30	2
Total	453	4452	36	51	69	305	35	188100	16	18300	3566	455	2250	4295	45	630	4657	1232	817	1249	227	50	32	366	243	82	761	401	19689	937	259

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Albion	C. L. Barnhart	1400	1400	......	150	150	36	36	152	132
Battle Creek	G. S. Hickey	1600	1600	......	140	140	29	29	121	121
Bellevue	G. A. Odlum	950	950	......	70	70	13	13	55	55
Concord	Thomas Cox	775	800	......	67	67	8	5	32	25
Hanover and Moscow	D. W. Parsons	1000	1000	......	50	50	9	9	36	44
Homer	P. J. Maveety	925	925	......	68	68	15	15	61	61
Jackson, Cooper St	G. S. Barnes	700	306	394	25	22	......	1	......	10
" First Church	W. Gardner	2000	2000	......	140	140	34	34	140	166
" Haven Church	Judson V. Clancey	600	625	......	20	20	7	3	31	17
Leroy	James Berry	600	555	45	46	46	6	6	26	26
Leslie	G. W. Tuthill	750	650	100	50	50	......	1	......	11
Liberty	W. P. Mosher	600	600	......	55	55	7	7	30	30
Litchfield	A. N. Eldred	620	565	55	.40	33	8	2	34	8
Marshall	W. M. Colby	900	750	150	44	44	11	5	45	17
Marengo	E. Cooley	629	629	...	57	54	8	7	25	25
Mosherville	M. F. Loomis	675	675	......	42	42	6	6	23	23
Olivet and Partello	R. J. Floody	500	500	......	25	25	5	1	20	15
Parma	W. M. Coplin	900	900	......	56	56	9	9	36	36
Penfield	James Webster	700	650	50	50	50	11	10	41	47
Springport	J. W. Arney	600	650	......	30	30	3	3	11	8
Tekensha	L. M. Edmonds	800	800	......	45	45	8	5	35	30
Winfield	J. W. Steffe	675	650	25	40	40	7	5	30	30
		18899	18180	819	1310	1297	240	212	984	937

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	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old. Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Allen	18	131	...	1	...	7	1	10000	1	800	62	....	....	75	1	15	75	23	13	36	8	1	1	8	3	1	....	....	697	20	4
Athens	(8)	(164)	...	..	...	...	(3	(3000)	..	......	....	....	....	....	(3)	31	152	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	492	1	......
Bronson	7	120	1	3	2	2	2	6000	1	800	300	9	....	90	1	16	136	30	5	35	3	1	...	2	1	....	....	....	734	10	37
Burlington	40	89	...	1	...	16	3	4800	..	......	133	....	....	50	3	27	171	60	....	60	12	2	1	11	....	4	....	....	595	27	2
Burr Oak	...	75	1	3	...	...	1	3000	..	......	40	....	....	75	2	18	75	6	....	6	....	....	...	....	....	....	12	....	230	1	......
Butler	...	99	...	3	...	2	1	1000	1	800	35	....	....	28	5	47	220	28	2	30	5	1	1	5	1	1	....	....	544	15	2
Cambria	24	66	1	..	...	2	2	5500	1	600	60	16	260	50	2	19	140	9	2	11	....	1	...	1	1	....	....	....	413	5	......
Camden	20	125	1	..	1	3	2	4400	..	......	125	....	100	60	3	27	139	22	3	25	6	1	1	4	1	2	....	....	395	10	3
Centerville	8	177	3	2	...	6	1	5000	1	800	80	....	....	150	2	29	180	27	3	30	2	1	...	....	4	....	64	....	822	20	......
Colon	23	124	1	4	...	15	2	6300	..	......	....	290	....	60	2	14	141	25	....	25	3	2	1	3	4	2	....	....	635	13	3
Coldwater	44	546	2	16	...	79	1	20000	..	......	233	....	....	633	1	32	355	300	62	362	53	7	4	51	17	11	105	141	1652	135	20
Constantine	37	190	3	..	...	3	2	15000	1	1000	25	800	....	175	2	28	165	49	11	60	3	1	1	2	7	....	32	....	872	15	26
Gilead	...	40	...	1	...	...	1	1200	1	500	250	....	....	5	1	7	57	22	....	22	1	....	...	....	....	....	33	....	455	3	......
Girard	33	176	...	3	1	7	1	5000	1	1000	139	....	....	111	3	37	222	52	15	67	6	2	1	4	6	1	40	....	891	36	2
Hillsdale	16	251	4	2	...	29	1	12000	1	2500	....	....	....	....	1	30	317	34	18	52	3	2	1	3	4	....	....	....	1074	13	29
Jonesville	11	150	1	3	10	20	2	6500	..	......	....	....	....	127	2	30	155	40	3	43	4	2	1	3	4	1	....	....	910	14	2
Kinderhook	4	101	...	2	...	6	1	2500	1	700	36	80	74	40	1	12	70	20	2	22	4	1	1	1	3	1	....	....	575	11	......
North Adams	12	319	1	2	...	20	1	8000	1	1300	417	....	500	147	3	61	292	82	30	112	15	3	3	15	11	4	62	4	1051	52	......
Osseo	7	69	1	..	1	4	2	4000	1	700	75	50	200	50	2	10	230	7	1	8	....	....	...	....	....	....	8	....	391	8	......
Quincy	39	252	2	6	...	33	2	9000	1	1000	1158	....	....	211	2	34	210	74	23	97	19	4	2	17	18	3	104	1	1003	45	16
Ransom	20	142	...	3	...	7	3	4000	1	500	480	....	....	120	2	27	129	18	1	19	2	1	...	1	5	1	18	....	647	6	......
Reading	20	70	...	1	...	13	1	1500	1	1000	....	119	....	50	1	12	60	25	5	30	4	1	1	4	3	1	....	....	545	20	......
Sturgis	16	209	...	3	3	12	1	8500	1	1500	100	....	....	200	1	20	202	74	16	90	15	3	2	15	8	4	34	....	1111	50	5
Union City	8	148	1	3	...	15	1	14000	1	1500	100	....	....	200	1	21	150	22	13	35	5	1	2	5	3	1	28	....	998	15	......
White Pigeon	1	107	1	3	...	1	2	4000	1	1200	....	....	....	90	1	11	72	34	....	34	6	3	3	6	6	1	47	....	799	15	......
Total	416	3938	24	65	18	302	40	164200	18	18200	3848	1364	1134	2727	48	615	4015	1083	228	1311	179	41	27	161	110	39	587	146	18531	560	161

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		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Allen	A. Hunsberger	700	643	57	47	48	10	6	32	20
Athens	W. J. Tarrent	(450)	(450)	......	(40)	(40)	......	(2)	......	(1)
Bronson	W. H. Parsons	675	675	......	56	56	12	3	36	10
Burlington	Jacob Ruoff	538	538	......	48	48	9	9	27	27
Burr Oak	I. Crites	500	215	285	36	15	8	......	23	1
Butler	J. R. Skinner	575	491	84	48	48	10	5	31	15
Cambria	W. T. Belfry	460	375	85	44	37	9	1	28	5
Camden	Wm. Paddock	400	350	50	40	40	8	5	25	10
Centerville	Jno. Clubine	750	750	......	68	68	12	4	30	20
Colon	J. Marzolf	600	585	15	48	47	10	8	31	13
Coldwater	W. A. Hunsberger	1500	1500	......	126	120	26	26	81	135
Constantine	S. C. Strickland	800	800	......	67	67	......	5	......	15
Gilead	S. George	425	425	......	28	28	......	2	......	3
Girard	T. Nicholson	810	810	......	67	67	14	14	43	36
Hillsdale	M. D. Carrel	1000	1000	......	70	70	......	4	......	13
Jonesville	Wm. Denman	750	850	......	52	52	11	8	33	14
Kinderhook	E. D. Young	600	525	75	44	44	9	6	28	11
North Adams	L. E. Lennox	1000	956	44	80	80	17	15	52	52
Osseo	W. C. Muffitt	300	300	......	36	29	......	2	......	8
Quincy	E. L. Kellogg	920	920	......	68	68	15	15	45	45
Ransom	M. J. Brownell	600	600	......	42	42	9	5	27	6
Reading	C. W. Jones	500	500	......	42	42	6	3	27	20
Sturgis	N. L. Bray	1025	1025	......	76	76	16	10	50	50
Union City	J. F. Orwick	925	925	......	68	68	13	5	41	15
White Pigeon	J. Klose	750	735	15	58	58	12	6	35	15
		17613	17068	710	1399	1364	236	164	725	560

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	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No of Deaths.	No Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	Missions. From Churches.	Missions. From S. Schools.	Missions. Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Allagan	9	130	1	2	2	9	1	3000	1	1200	150	24	300	150	1	17	140	42	5	47	3	1	1	2	6	2	----	----	877	20	3
Augusta	2	136	---	2	---	---	2	6500	1	1600	165	142	500	85	3	27	150	51	5	56	5	1	---	4	5	1	----	----	709	14	------
Banfield	8	167	---	--	---	--	2	3500	1	600	125	50	125	30	2	12	80	15	----	15	----	----	---	3	----	----	----	----	487	10	------
Bloomingdale	5	268	---	3	---	1	3	4200	1	750	1900	--	640	50	4	44	285	39	11	50	5	1	1	1	----	1	----	----	871	27	------
Climax	27	187	---	1	2	28	2	10000	1	1800	331	----	----	221	2	30	140	60	11	71	10	1	1	3	8	1	70	----	978	28	------
Comstock	4	66	---	1	1	---	1	3000	1	900	600	----	----	40	2	22	114	33	----	33	4	----	1	4	4	1	----	----	549	7	3
Cooper	8	107	---	1	---	1	1	3800	1	600	45	----	----	85	2	20	85	25	10	35	3	1	1	3	----	----	29	27	600	5	7
Douglass & Saugatuck	95	95	1	1	20	43	2	4000	--	------	416	150	165	100	2	14	160	20	15	35	6	3	2	6	----	5	----	----	520	20	------
Fennville	12	90	1	3	2	4	2	3500	--	------	400	----	----	84	4	37	175	28	15	43	3	1	6	2	2	4	----	----	563	20	------
Galesburg	6	179	2	1	1	2	1	14000	1	600	15	----	----	97	1	20	275	43	10	53	5	3	1	4	5	2	65	----	921	18	------
Kalamazoo, First Church	42	550	2	9	11	32	1	52000	--	------	500	----	----	1300	1	40	376	235	90	325	65	8	6	64	45	12	110	200	2040	170	500
" Simpson Church	21	87	---	--	6	13	1	3500	--	------	50	----	----	95	1	25	180	21	19	40	5	2	2	5	8	3	4	----	983	18	·81
Kendall	1	72	1	1	---	3	1	2000	1	300	----	54	50	30	2	12	100	4	----	4	----	----	----	----	5	----	12	----	527	13	------
Lacota	7	100	---	--	---	5	2	3000	1	650	10	----	----	35	1	9	100	35	30	65	14	3	2	14	3	5	35	----	611	27	21
Martin	23	152	---	--	1	1	2	4500	--	------	400	190	----	110	2	25	150	20	94	114	5	2	1	6	6	2	90	----	713	21	5
Mendon	16	207	---	2	3	15	2	3500	1	1000	175	----	100	100	2	29	124	61	35	96	10	3	2	10	23	5	33	----	1013	37	10
Millgrove	4	11	1	--	---	---	1	1500	--	------	----	----	----	----	3	26	90	5	----	5	----	----	----	----	7	----	----	----	225	----	------
Monteray	---	68	---	--	3	3	1	1500	1	150	102	----	----	50	3	30	160	12	----	12	1	1	---	1	2	----	----	----	444	8	------
Oshtemo	18	74	---	--	3	1	1	3000	1	700	150	----	----	100	3	22	120	10	3	13	----	1	1	----	5	----	22	----	472	17	------
Otsego	10	298	1	7	2	45	2	4000	1	1000	145	110	----	115	2	37	325	87	42	129	25	4	2	22	5	6	83	48	1024	53	22
Parkville	8	120	---	5	2	---	2	7000	1	600	12	----	----	75	3	30	160	23	3	26	4	1	1	2	3	1	35	----	699	20	------
Plainwell	1	155	---	3	1	4	1	5000	1	600	----	----	----	100	1	28	228	30	38	68	2	----	---	2	3	----	56	----	819	10	------
Prairieville	3	112	---	3	---	12	2	4500	1	500	100	----	----	50	3	25	160	60	----	60	2	1	1	2	6	2	78	----	769	27	------
Richland	3	111	---	1	5	21	1	2500	1	1000	1300	----	----	100	4	36	240	3	15	18	----	2	3	----	----	----	35	----	760	5	------
Schoolcraft	9	119	1	2	4	3	1	4000	1	1600	175	----	----	154	1	19	150	40	15	55	7	2	1	8	5	2	55	----	858	22	25
" Circuit	7	30	---	--	--	3	--	------	--	----	----	----	----	5	3	22	140	10	----	10	3	1	1	----	----	2	----	----	340	5	------
South Haven	39	267	1	2	24	47	2	4700	1	1000	130	----	----	175	2	35	280	60	41	101	6	4	2	4	7	5	40	----	980	13	------
Three Rivers	22	320	1	2	4	1	1	25000	--	------	365	----	----	450	1	24	246	100	55	155	8	5	3	5	6	14	126	90	1272	70	11
Vicksburg	12	171	2	1	6	14	2	6000	1	900	25	----	----	125	2	28	175	40	10	50	3	2	2	3	6	1	36	----	819	23	87
Waukeshma	39	156	---	2	3	38	1	6000	1	500	42	----	----	90	3	21	154	31	14	45	7	2	2	4	2	3	15	----	634	22	------
Nottawa and Bradley Indian Missions	3	63	2	7	10	---	--	------	--	----	----	----	----	----	2	5	17	----	----	----	----	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	140	----	------
	464	4608	17	62	115	349	44	198700	22	18550	9828	720	1880	4201	68	771	5279	1243	586	1829	212	56	46	184	177	80	1029	365	23217	750	775

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Allegan	E. S. McChesney	850	800	50	73	73	12	4	30	20
Augusta	W. A. Bass	750	650	100	64	55	12	4	30	14
Banfeld	D. W. Fow	600	427	123	50	50	10	10	27	10
Bloomingdale	O. S. Paddock	800	800	------	63	64	10	7	27	27
Climax	S. D. McKee	900	900	------	76	76	20	2	53	28
Comstock	J. Donaldson	500	500	------	44	44	5	5	16	7
Cooper	C. H. Fisher	600	550	50	------	48	------	2	------	5
Douglass and Saugatuck	Wm. Barth	475	475	------	40	40	5	5	20	20
Fennville	O. D. Watkins	537	513	24	43	43	10	7	20	20
Galesburgh	H. S. Bargelt	900	850	50	77	66	------	5	------	18
Kalamazoo, First Church	A. M. Gould	1800	1800	------	180	180	60	60	170	170
" Simpson Church	E. T. Lumber	900	900	------	75	75	8	8	18	18
Kendall	J. C. Chase	500	480	20	42	42	5	5	13	13
Lacota	O. H. Perry	550	550	------	47	47	14	14	27	27
Martin	L. W. Calkins	650	650	------	55	55	20	8	46	21
Mendon	E. V. Armstrong	900	930	------	76	76	20	7	53	37
Millgrove	W. F. Harding	267	225	42	------	------	------	------	------	------
Monteray	Richard Shire	515	400	115	40	40	6	4	13	8
Oshtemo	E. H. Day	555	450	100	40	20	5	2	13	17
Otsego	A. T. Ferguson	850	940	------	72	72	20	12	53	53
Parkville	G. Donaldson	650	650	------	55	46	13	3	25	20
Plainwell	E. A. Tanner	750	750	------	66	66	18	3	40	10
Prairieville	D. G. Bruce	700	700	------	59	59	10	10	27	27
Richland	W. P. French	700	700	------	60	60	5	------	18	5
Schoolcraft	W. J. Maybee	700	800	------	52	52	12	6	40	22
Schoolcraft Circuit	I. W. Wallace	375	310	65	32	27	3	3	10	5
South Haven	G. B. Kulp	900	900	------	76	76	14	4	44	13
Three Rivers	J. W. Reid	1150	1150	------	100	100	22	22	65	70
Vichsburg	H. B. Hunt	750	750	------	64	64	19	5	53	23
Wakeshma	E. G. Stevens	575	575	------	51	51	8	8	22	22
Nottawa and Bradley Indian Mission	Geo. Agagho	------	118	------	------	22	------	------	------	------
		21649	21193	739	1772	1789	366	235	973	750

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Bangor and Breedsville	19	100	...	3	4	15	2	4500	1	1000	100	....	300	125	2	21	145	10	....	10	2	....	...	2	....	....	23	....	744	5	1
Benton Harbor	14	215	1	3	...	12	1	9000	..	......	....	....	800	250	1	24	270	2	5	7	1	1	1	....	1	....	....	46	1068	7	......
Berrien Springs	12	121	...	2	1	8	2	3500	1	1000	250	....	....	100	2	29	181	23	24	47	6	1	1	3	10	1	34	....	735	25	......
Buchanan	11	170	...	1	2	12	1	3000	1	1200	460	300	160	150	1	24	156	38	47	85	10	3	2	12	6	3	38	5	1013	28	5
Cassopolis	4	100	1	2	2	5	2	7000	2	1500	50	....	....	50	2	25	150	10	....	10	1	....	...	1	2	....	....	....	684	6	......
Coloma and Watervleit	15	150	...	1	...	...	2	3500	1	1500	8	14	170	150	3	22	200	65	...	65	5	1	1	3	....	1	....	....	868	20	......
Dayton and Galien	17	71	1	..	...	5	3	4000	1	500	18	70	300	80	3	27	225	23	20	43	2	1	1	1	4	1	....	....	575	5	3
Decatur	25	185	1	1	...	30	1	3000	..	......	162	....	....	100	3	36	260	73	12	85	10	2	1	8	1	2	52	25	810	23	......
Dowgiac	9	180	...	3	1	25	1	4000	..	......	300	....	....	175	1	20	108	28	30	58	8	2	1	4	6	2	14	....	915	20	6
EauClare and Pipestone	9	102	1	..	...	8	2	3000	..	......	1000	....	....	40	2	23	92	27	33	60	3	1	1	2	2	1	....	....	482	8	......
Edwardsburg	9	120	...	4	3	6	2	2200	1	1000	60	....	....	100	2	20	150	46	6	52	8	1	1	6	3	1	....	....	689	30	......
Hartford	16	92	...	2	...	1	1	4000	..	......	....	....	....	81	1	16	60	2	15	17	....	3	1	....	3	....	5	....	587	24	......
Keeler and Silver Creek	2	82	...	2	1	8	3	5000	1	600	....	....	....	70	2	18	95	30	....	30	5	2	1	4	4	1	....	1	717	10	......
Lawrence	22	104	1	3	2	16	1	350	1	500	....	....	....	55	2	20	110	10	....	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	....	....	537	5	......
Lawton	1	106	...	1	1	10	1	2000	1	550	150	....	....	60	1	16	90	9	2	11	1	....	...	2	4	....	5	....	632	4	......
Marcellus	7	121	1	2	13	6	2	2000	1	800	200	....	....	75	1	26	162	40	20	60	6	1	1	6	2	1	....	....	759	25	......
Mattawan	5	95	...	..	...	...	3	5000	1	500	....	....	....	45	3	25	120	5	18	23	1	....	...	....	10	....	....	--	409	25	10
New Buffalo and 3 Oaks	16	151	2	3	2	14	4	7000	1	500	342	373	....	125	4	30	175	6	62	68	2	1	1	2	....	....	....	....	728	24	40
Niles	21	320	1	10	10	4	2	13300	1	2500	100	325	1350	270	2	50	410	55	45	100	14	2	2	13	10	....	90	...	1322	52	......
Paw Paw	5	128	1	5	...	...	1	8000	1	800	100	....	....	125	1	20	170	75	....	75	5	3	...	....	2	2	27	....	916	30	......
Pokagon	14	230	1	4	7	14	5	5500	1	600	400	200	....	250	4	42	260	80	15	95	5	1	1	2	4	1	40	35	886	27	......
St. Joseph	58	293	...	5	28	47	1	14000	1	3500	300	....	..	350	1	28	400	165	60	225	24	1	1	18	11	8	40	....	1265	65	140
Stevensville	12	88	1	..	...	14	2	2300	..	......	491	200	200	80	2	22	227	13	....	13	1	....	...	2	2	....	....	....	477	9	......
Vandalia	5	90	1	1	...	6	5	8000	1	1000	75	100	650	50	4	46	119	10	10	20	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	542	10	5
Total	328	3414	14	58	77	266	50	123150	19	19550	4962	1592	3930	2956	50	630	4302	845	424	1269	122	28	20	94	88	26	368	112	18360	487	210

Statistics for Niles District, Michigan Conference, for '87.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Bangor and Breedsville	G. A. Buell	700	700	......	40	40	7	4	30	5
Benton Harbor	L. W. Earle	1020	1020	......	48	48	......	......	......	7
Berien Springs	W. J. Hathaway	700	682	18	50	50	7	3	35	25
Buchanan	S. L. Hamilton	950	950	......	56	56	8	7	42	28
Cassopolis	G. C. Elliott	700	650	50	44	32	......	2	......	6
Coloma and Watervleit	Isaac Taylor	900	800	100	64	64	10	4	45	20
Dayton and Galien	E. Tench	586	536	50	36	36	5	3	16	5
Decature	J. White	700	743	......	64	64	5	3	35	23
Dowagiac	C. G. Thomas	800	850	......	60	60	9	5	28	20
EauClare and Pipestone	H. C. Chamberlain	500	443	57	36	36	6	3	18	8
Edwardsburg	L. S. Matthews	625	625	......	56	56	13	8	40	30
Hartford	W. W. Lamport	600	550	50	49	36	10	1	52	24
Keeler and Silver Creek	G. W. Gosling	675	650	25	60	60	10	7	45	10
Lawrence	J. R. Odin	500	500	......	36	36	5	1	20	5
Lawton	U. Mason	650	592	58	40	38	10	2	25	4
Marcellus	W. Prouty	800	710	90	44	44	5	5	......	25
Mattawan	W. J. Wilson	400	375	25	32	32	10	2	30	25
New Buffalo & ThreeOaks	E. B. Patterson	650	675	......	48	48	......	5	32	24
Niles	I. R. A. Wightman	1200	1200	......	102	102	20	20	75	52
Paw Paw	J. H. Tanner	850	850	......	60	60	10	6	35	30
Pokagon	I. Wilson	825	825	......	56	56	......	5	......	27
St. Joseph	G. L. Cole	1100	1170	......	80	80	......	15	......	65
Stevensville	W. J. Douglass	500	440	60	36	36	3	1	20	9
Vandaila	J. W. Buell	500	500	......	40	40	......	2	28	10
		17021	17036	583	1228	1210	153	114	651	487

Statistics for Grand Rapids District, Michigan Conference, 1887.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.												Minister'l Support.		
																		Missions.														
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No of Deaths.	No Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Ada	16	88	----	----	----	18	1	1700	----	----	200	----	----	23	2	14	70	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	----	1	----	----	428	6	----
Ashland	5	141	1	1	1	9	1	3000	1	400	100	218	1406	20	1	12	80	10	----	10	3	----	----	2	7	----	----	----	442	4	----
Berlin and Lamont	1	90	----	----	----	2	2	7000	2	800	150	----	----	100	2	20	145	20	5	25	3	----	----	2	7	1	12	----	577	15	10
Byron and Dorr Centres	16	168	3	1	3	4	2	3200	1	800	190	----	350	125	2	24	182	46	15	61	6	1	1	3	6	1	----	----	775	18	8
Caledonia	15	125	----	2	2	9	3	4500	1	800	160	125	225	30	4	48	257	45	----	45	1	1	1	2	----	2	----	----	584	20	2
Cannonsburg	31	64	----	1	----	9	3	4500	1	1000	25	----	----	105	3	24	55	33	----	33	4	----	----	1	7	1	----	----	554	12	----
Casnovia	18	58	1	1	----	8	2	3000	1	1000	150	----	500	40	2	18	120	22	----	22	2	----	1	3	4	----	10	----	516	14	----
Cedar Springs	22	110	----	1	----	1	2	6000	1	800	----	115	----	107	2	25	170	10	22	32	1	1	1	2	2	1	----	----	771	16	4
Coopersville	7	94	----	----	----	10	2	4200	1	800	25	----	----	120	2	27	200	20	20	40	8	2	1	7	1	3	30	----	858	22	7
Grand Haven	8	77	----	4	----	2	1	3000	1	960	500	----	500	----	1	13	127	10	----	10	----	----	----	----	----	----	17	----	630	3	----
Grand Rapids, Ames C'h	----	124	----	1	6	----	1	3000	----	----	----	100	750	200	1	20	150	12	13	25	----	----	----	----	----	----	23	----	666	30	----
" " Division Street	17	488	----	2	21	4	1	55000	----	----	5100	1750	----	1855	1	45	350	335	165	500	80	5	5	1	19	15	381	20	2930	200	150
" " East "	10	176	----	1	2	7	1	7000	----	----	100	----	----	200	2	30	296	45	20	65	13	3	2	12	10	6	40	----	981	35	----
" " Plainfield Ave.	9	90	----	1	7	1	1	4000	----	----	315	----	400	75	1	20	160	6	4	10	1	----	----	1	1	----	9	----	687	4	----
" " Second Street	23	354	1	5	5	7	1	40000	1	3500	100	----	----	600	2	30	300	90	16	106	18	3	3	35	13	8	----	10	1743	60	25
Grandville	6	90	1	1	3	20	1	3000	1	800	10	9	97	50	3	34	200	37	7	44	5	2	1	5	6	4	----	----	627	20	----
Hastings	4	260	----	2	2	----	1	6000	1	1500	19	----	----	152	1	26	280	140	20	160	25	6	2	25	24	9	64	55	1174	65	----
" Circuit	18	141	1	2	----	5	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	4	24	150	5	1	6	----	----	----	----	----	----	20	----	556	5	----
Holland	2	75	1	----	4	----	1	3000	1	1000	----	3	----	100	1	13	135	10	25	35	3	1	1	4	5	2	12	5	691	8	18
Irving	2	93	1	----	----	1	1	3000	1	1000	40	----	----	25	4	27	210	20	----	20	3	----	----	2	1	1	----	----	549	10	----
Middleville	----	146	----	6	----	8	1	2500	1	1000	357	----	----	65	3	26	214	29	28	57	4	2	2	5	2	2	18	2	656	18	4
Muskegon	51	402	3	2	16	23	2	36000	1	4000	15000	----	----	560	2	53	725	150	50	200	70	9	3	67	26	10	200	25	1665	111	50
Newaygo	2	35	1	3	2	2	1	2500	1	1000	11	5	15	10	1	10	45	9	----	9	2	1	1	2	2	1	----	----	746	4	1
North Muskegon	3	16	----	----	----	----	1	2500	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	4	58	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	10	1	----
Nunica	5	8	----	1	----	----	1	1000	----	----	230	----	----	----	----	----	----	2	----	2	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	132	2	----
Ravenna	----	47	1	----	----	----	1	1300	1	300	----	----	----	----	1	14	80	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	22	1	----
Rockford	----	130	----	2	----	2	2	6300	1	700	20	324	----	150	2	22	95	35	5	40	5	1	1	5	4	1	----	----	764	15	4
Sparta	3	128	----	1	----	----	2	4500	1	1500	----	----	----	60	2	22	170	30	15	45	6	1	1	5	4	1	21	----	801	10	5
Sgring Lake	5	125	----	2	5	1	1	5000	1	1000	----	----	----	30	2	32	160	18	22	40	1	----	----	1	----	----	----	----	747	10	----
Ventura	32	65	2	----	----	7	1	500	----	----	----	6	51	3	4	10	147	8	----	8	1	----	----	1	----	2	----	----	292	8	----
Wayland	6	75	1	1	----	1	1	1500	1	500	140	----	----	40	2	19	75	9	2	11	1	1	----	----	3	----	2	----	409	10	1
Total	227	4112	18	44	70	161	42	227700	23	25160	22942	2055	4294	4845	61	706	5406	1208	456	1664	268	41	28	195	154	72	859	117	22983	757	289

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Ada	J. N. Bennett	400	400	------	25	25	3	3	6	6
Ashland	C. R. Crosby	500	400	100	40	40	10	2	20	4
Berlin and Lamont	W. A. Frye	570	515	55	60	60	10	2	25	15
Byron and Dorr Centers	J. W. Horner	700	700	------	70	70	13	5	40	18
Caledonia	C. J. Sonema	510	540	------	40	40	9	4	20	20
Cannonsburg	A. S. Williams	500	480	20	70	70	8	4	20	12
Casnovia	G. E. Hollister	570	470	100	45	45	7	1	20	11
Cedar Springs	T. T. George	700	700	------	65	65	13	6	35	16
Coopersville	D. Cronk	800	800	------	50	50	8	8	20	22
Grand Haven	W. W. Rork	600	600	------	80	80	8	------	7	8
Grand Rapids, Ames C'h	R. C. Crawford	800	630	170	40	86	12	------	30	80
" " Division St	Jno. Graham	2600	2600	------	290	290	40	40	190	200
" " East St	J. W. H. Carlisle	900	925	------	44	44	12	12	35	35
" " Plainfield Ave	W. M. Puffer	650	650	------	35	35	6	2	20	4
" " Second St	J. A. Sprague	1600	1600	------	125	125	18	18	60	60
Grandville	A. M. Griffith	575	580	------	44	44	8	8	14	20
Hastings	G. D. Lee	950	1054	------	100	100	20	20	65	65
" Circuit	J. B. Knott	565	500	65	52	52	9	4	30	5
Holland	H. D. Jordan	700	650	50	40	88	9	3	20	5
Irving	W. T. Roland	500	500	------	48	48	6	1	20	10
Middleville	J. E. White	700	600	100	52	52	10	4	82	18
Muskegon	W. J. Aldrich	1500	1500	------	140	140	25	25	100	111
Newaygo	J. G. Crozier	850	718	86	80	80	8	8	8	4
North Muskegon	G. R. Foresbee	------	------	------	10	10	------	------	------	1
Nunica	J. Thomas	------	112	------	20	20	------	------	------	2
Ravenna	J. T. Hankinson	------	------	------	30	22	------	------	------	1
Rockford	Geo. Varion	700	700	------	60	60	12	4	85	15
Sparta	A. J. Wheeler	775	785	40	64	64	10	2	22	10
Spring Lake	J. W. Rawlinson	700	700	------	45	45	------	2	------	10
Ventura	Thos. Rible	204	271	------	20	20	1	1	5	8
Wayland	J. N. Dayton	525	875	150	45	82	5	2	15	10
		21734	21000	886	1829	1802	285	181	914	757

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Alma	5	137	---	1	---	6	2	4500	--	------	96	540	276	113	2	29	298	31	9	40	8	----	1	7	----	1	----	----	699	20	------
Belding	4	59	---	--	---	---	2	2700	--	------	2200	----	300	----	2	18	67	14	8	22	4	----	1	----	6	----	----	----	333	10	------
Bowne	8	134	2	2	---	4	3	6425	1	947	330	----	----	85	3	30	210	41	2	43	7	3	2	7	13	3	13	----	732	20	1
Carson City	36	185	2	3	6	29	2	6000	--	------	100	19	----	107	2	31	186	42	24	66	5	2	1	7	8	----	32	30	765	31	------
Coral	60	107	1	1	---	3	1	2000	1	250	----	98	105	50	4	38	252	11	4	15	2	1	1	1	2	1	----	----	350	6	------
Danby	10	112	1	2	---	---	3	6800	1	700	30	15	180	125	3	35	150	20	20	40	2	1	1	1	4	1	----	----	503	13	------
Edmore	12	91	2	1	---	15	2	5000	--	------	----	175	525	125	2	20	145	18	2	20	4	----	---	4	4	----	----	----	742	20	2
Elm Hall	6	72	1	2	---	1	1	2000	--	------	----	50	300	6	1	9	50	8	5	13	----	1	---	----	----	1	1	----	288	3	------
Freeport	12	74	---	1	---	2	2	3000	--	------	800	100	400	60	3	33	263	8	----	8	1	----	---	----	2	----	----	----	349	4	12
Greenville	34	256	1	3	1	16	1	5000	1	1000	32	----	----	275	1	29	260	89	31	120	24	5	2	23	13	7	165	33	1390	55	37
" Circuit	3	100	1	--	---	---	4	5000	--	------	----	----	----	75	4	45	205	17	5	22	3	1	2	3	6	2	21	47	603	11	5
Hubbardston	10	108	---	1	1	11	3	7000	1	800	60	----	----	75	1	19	135	15	21	36	2	1	1	2	9	2	36	2	597	10	6
Ionia	24	421	1	4	1	9	1	50000	1	3500	415	----	2500	891	1	36	432	107	75	182	21	4	2	21	15	5	75	56	1645	104	24
Lakeview	18	65	1	--	---	20	1	2800	1	1000	40	----	----	75	2	25	180	14	12	26	1	1	1	2	5	2	----	----	668	19	3
Langston	36	86	1	4	---	---	--	------	--	------	----	----	----	--	---	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	339	2	------
Lowell	15	185	1	1	3	10	1	7000	--	------	----	----	----	155	2	37	250	33	42	75	10	2	2	10	7	2	49	51	885	30	20
Lyons and Muir	2	95	---	--	---	---	2	6000	1	1000	25	----	----	60	2	22	96	7	5	12	2	----	---	----	4	----	----	----	422	6	------
Orange	16	210	1	--	---	11	3	7600	1	1000	650	----	----	150	3	43	200	54	2	56	8	2	1	8	7	1	22	20	848	38	5
Orleans	32	129	1	1	1	25	2	4000	1	800	20	----	----	50	4	35	250	63	----	63	11	2	1	11	3	3	13	----	574	30	------
Palo	6	145	2	5	---	10	2	5000	1	500	125	----	----	80	2	25	125	29	11	40	4	----	---	4	4	----	----	----	772	10	------
St. Louis	13	113	---	--	---	7	1	6000	1	1000	200	175	----	75	1	20	170	22	11	33	6	1	1	6	3	1	13	----	914	25	15
Saranac	9	85	---	--	---	---	2	3400	1	700	230	----	----	56	2	22	117	25	1	26	4	1	1	3	9	2	----	6	501	16	------
Sheridan	22	67	2	--	---	11	2	4000	1	250	605	5	----	60	1	10	59	11	9	20	1	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	530	8	------
Stanton	6	110	---	1	9	10	1	4000	1	800	----	----	----	125	1	16	183	18	8	26	2	1	1	1	5	1	21	---	964	33	------
Vergennes and Keene	7	90	1	3	---	1	2	4000	1	200	151	----	----	40	2	16	160	20	15	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	4	660	10	10
Woodland	20	142	1	--	5	25	3	5600	1	700	235	150	300	150	4	47	215	37	3	40	6	1	1	6	3	2	30	----	701	31	28
Total	426	3378	23	36	27	238	49	164825	17	15147	6344	1327	4886	3063	55	690	4658	754	325	1079	139	31	24	138	133	38	566	249	17774	565	138

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Alma	A. T. Hart	650	650	------	43	43	8	6	24	20
Belding	Robert M. Young	300	300	------	30	30	5	3	17	10
Bowne	J. W. White	675	675	..	60	54	10	3	30	20
Carson City	E. H. King	700	700	------	60	60	10	5	31	31
Coral	S. W. La Du	500	307	183	40	40	------	3	------	6
Danby	J. A. Weyant	600	450	150	56	50	8	3	22	13
Edmore	S. Gulick	800	700	100	40	40	10	2	34	20
Elm Hall	John Hills	500	275	225	20	13	------	------	17	3
Freeport	J. R. Bowen	400	330	70	36	18	5	1	15	4
Greenville	L. Grosenbaugh	1150	1270	------	102	102	18	18	55	55
" Circuit	J. T. Glover	600	550	50	52	50	10	3	30	11
Hubbardston	D. C. Woodard	650	550	100	54	42	10	5	29	10
Ionia	L. Master	1500	1500	------	130	130	------	15	70	104
Lakeview	W. Judd	630	630	------	33	33	6	5	19	19
Langston	P. S. Haney	305	315	------	20	20	4	4	12	2
Lowell	J. W. Davids	800	825	------	50	50	10	10	30	30
Lyons and Muir	T. H. Jacokes	750	400	350	46	20	------	2	------	6
Orange	O. E. Wightman	800	770	30	68	68	12	10	38	38
Orleans	F. A. Van De Walker	585	508	77	56	56	10	10	27	30
Palo	F. N. Janes	700	700	------	69	69	10	3	31	10
St. Louis	D. C. Riehl	900	850	50	65	62	13	2	40	25
Saranac	A. R. Kieller	542	442	100	56	56	10	3	34	16
Sheridan	A. T. Nagler	550	488	62	41	41	4	1	19	8
Stanton	J. J. McAllister	900	900	------	60	60	15	4	48	33
Vergennes and Keene	A. W. Burns	650	605	45	61	54	------	1	------	10
Woodland	L. M. Garlick	650	650	------	44	44	10	7	31	31
		17787	16340	1592	1392	1305	198	129	703	565

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	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Bath	24	153	...	2	3	19	2	3600	1	600	70	...	...	80	3	30	160	27	3	30	2	1	1	2	3	2	39	12	646	26	...
Breckenridge	8	70	...	...	2	4	1	2000	1	500	70	130	...	12	2	21	160	10	15	25	2	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	431	18	...
Charlotte	13	273	1	2	1	13	1	6000	1	1500	150	...	...	150	1	23	188	57	19	76	5	3	2	2	3	9	85	...	1343	35	12
DeWitt	6	95	1	...	4	5	2	2000	1	500	30	...	...	50	3	42	118	25	...	25	5	1	1	3	7	1	50	...	670	22	42
Eagle	13	65	...	1	1	...	1	1800	1	600	335	...	300	60	1	14	105	14	7	21	7	1	...	5	3	1	...	12	533	14	13
Eaton Circuit	41	107	1	2	2	41	2	2780	...	...	460	...	...	60	2	19	120	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	304	7	...
Eaton Rapids	13	367	...	3	...	89	1	15000	1	1000	150	...	...	360	1	25	210	118	12	130	7	4	2	5	7	2	33	...	1209	76	...
Elsie	27	215	2	2	...	14	2	6000	1	1200	275	200	1500	140	3	35	250	80	20	100	8	1	1	5	14	1	60	2	893	40	20
Fowler	8	41	1	1	...	6	1	1200	...	...	...	...	...	35	1	11	50	3	...	3	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	429	2	7
Grand Ledge	6	95	2	4	...	...	2	7000	...	...	...	...	...	150	2	18	180	25	...	25	5	...	...	2	...	...	25	...	474	8	...
Gresham	25	84	4	...	...	2	2	5000	1	350	30	160	...	75	1	12	50	10	2	12	2	1	1	2	4	...	1	1	557	10	...
Ithaca	24	118	1	2	...	11	2	4450	1	800	20	110	525	80	1	16	155	32	2	34	2	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	858	15	...
Lansing, Central Church	31	350	5	7	8	8	1	15000	1	4000	55	...	...	350	1	31	350	135	85	220	30	7	3	105	20	10	50	88	1647	100	35
" First "	5	109	...	2	...	4	1	5000	1	1500	25	...	...	100	1	20	100	10	5	15	2	1	1	3	3	1	26	...	856	20	25
Maple Rapids	3	125	2	2	2	...	2	2800	1	1500	404	...	150	90	3	27	149	20	6	26	2	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	808	5	150
Mason	12	324	...	7	...	19	1	3000	1	1500	25	...	...	150	1	27	272	140	40	180	11	1	2	7	12	...	77	...	1345	50	32
Nashville	22	153	1	...	8	32	2	8200	...	...	70	...	210	150	2	16	150	38	12	50	5	1	1	5	10	1	...	...	756	15	30
Okemos	12	164	3	...	1	...	2	3400	1	1000	...	...	...	100	5	69	475	20	5	25	3	1	1	5	6	1	41	...	653	6	15
Ovid	10	205	1	1	...	3	1	4500	1	1500	...	...	...	172	1	21	171	130	13	143	23	5	2	21	19	6	53	42	1247	66	22
Portland	48	257	...	5	2	16	1	6000	1	2000	100	...	...	99	4	30	322	49	25	74	23	5	1	8	10	1	70	28	1157	27	35
Potterville	4	135	1	8	2	2	2	8500	1	1300	1200	350	...	150	2	36	145	64	...	64	3	2	...	...	5	1	...	7	805	37	...
St. Johns	50	278	...	2	8	8	1	5000	1	1500	24	...	436	200	2	34	312	70	83	153	29	4	4	27	14	8	23	15	1206	65	30
Shepardsville	5	118	...	1	1	3	2	3500	1	600	184	26	275	92	1	10	50	44	6	50	4	1	1	4	6	1	84	9	724	35	14
Sickles	6	93	2	2	...	9	1	1800	...	...	320	245	...	25	1	11	75	10	4	14	2	1	1	1	2	1	...	...	393	10	7
Thompkins	9	102	...	1	...	6	2	2500	1	1500	1100	...	...	75	3	33	177	38	12	50	3	1	1	2	8	1	23	...	645	21	17
Vermontville	26	202	1	2	...	12	2	4000	1	900	310	...	100	135	2	28	178	71	...	71	16	3	2	13	4	4	...	...	826	31	26
Wacousta	7	84	...	...	...	...	2	3500	...	...	12	408	200	60	3	28	100	15	...	15	1	...	1	1	3	2	12	...	516	5	25
Total	458	3292	29	59	45	326	42	128530	21	25850	5419	1629	3696	3200	53	681	4801	1271	366	1637	203	48	32	233	169	55	752	216	21931	767	557

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		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Bath	W. J. Swift	600	600		44	45	10	1	32	26
Breckenridge	Thomas Young	400	400		30	30	7	1	18	18
Charlotte	W. H. Thompson	1150	1233		100	100	20	10	68	35
De Witt	Wm. Taylor	625	625		41	41		4		22
Eagle	A. H. Sturgis	500	500		30	30	5	3	16	14
Eaton Circuit	J. W. McAllister	275	275		28	28	6	1	13	7
Eaton Rapids	F. B. Bangs	1100	1100		100	100	9	9	75	76
Elsie	G. L. Mount	800	800		81	87	19	6	53	40
Fowler	H. S. McNutt	450	400	50	28	28	3	1	10	2
Grand Ledge	C. C. Olds	600	430	170	44	44			24	8
Gresham	F. F. Bliss	540	515	25	40	41	8	1	20	10
Ithaca	C. A. Jacokes	800	800		54	54		4		15
Lansing, Central Church	M. M. Callen	1500	1500		120	120	27	27	100	100
" First "	Thomas Riley	800	800		54	54	5	2	25	20
Maple Rapids	I. B. Tallman	775	743	32	60	60		5		5
Mason	L. De Lamarter	1125	1250		85	85	20	10	62	50
Nashville	A. H. Gamble	780	700	80	60	55	5	1	25	15
Okemos	I. W. Peach	600	600		52	52	13	1	41	6
Ovid	G. C. Draper	1150	1150		80	80	17	17	51	66
Portland	J. W. Hallenbeck	1050	1050		100	100		7		27
Potterville	D. O. Ball	750	750		55	55				37
St. Johns	A. D. Newton	1100	1100		85	85	21	21	64	65
Shepardsville	R. S. McGregor	675	675		44	44	8	5	24	35
Sickles	E. A. Boynton	375	350	25	36	36	7	7	21	10
Thompkins	J. H. Thomas	600	600		43	43	8	2	24	21
Vermontville	B. E. Paddock	750	750		64	64	16	12	48	31
Wacousta	M. M. Miner	500	475	25	40	40		1		5
		20370	20171	407	1598	1601	234	159	809	766

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Minister'l Support.		
																		Missions.													
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Big Rapids	30	294	2	7		24	2	6000	1	800		100	350	225	1	46	485	75	50	125	20	3	2	18	22	6	110	7	1392	43	40
Calkinsville & Isabella	32	162					1	500							1	8	40												241	1	
Chase & Baldwin	32	79			4	12	2	3000			196	278	610	80	3	23	134	18	2	20	5	1		3					630	9	1
Clare	10	158	1		11	17	3	5800	1	1000	25	146	130	115	4	70	230	14	4	18	1			1	8				674	15	
Coleman	17	60	1	1	13	22	2	3500			137	862	326	40	3	22	138	16		16	3	1	1	1	2	1			548	7	1
Chippewa Lake	7	44	1			5									1	7	35	2		2									159		
Crystal Valley	12	77	1	1	1		1	1000	1	400	650			50													5		389	3	
Evart	28	138	1	4	6	10	2	5000	1	1000	90	125	200	100	2	30	290	10	5	15	4	1	1	2	7	4	1		984	14	12
Freesoil	6	74		2			1	1500					450	40	3	30	174	10	20	30	2	1		1					472	14	2
Fremont	5	55					1	2000	1	500	21			25	1	12	77	10		10	1	1	1	1	6	1			422	3	
Gladwin	29	50		16	12	3	2	5000			1200	100	700	55	5	24	180	15		15	3	1							396	4	
Harrison	26	40	1			9	1	2200	1	400	300	7	109	50	1	5	40	10		10					1	1			526	7	
Hart	11	108		2		4	2	4000	1	500				48	2	18	146	18		18	2	1	1	1	2	1			702	11	12
Hersey and Ashton	22	96	2			2	2	2000			270			35	4	33	222	25		25	5	1	1	5	2	2			627	11	
Hesperia	2	60	1			4	1	1000	1	800	20		100	25	1	11	70	5	4	9	1	1	1	4	1	1			400	8	
Holton	1	48			1		2	2200	1	200		20	80	11	1	10	65	1		1									302		
Howard City	13	60	1	1	3	9	1	2500			103			50	2	20	120	19		19	1		1	1	2	1			472	8	
Ludington	20	173	2	2	19	17	3	5500	1	500	2400	150	900	125	3		305	19	22	41	4	1		4	7	1	18		1010	23	2
Luther	12	39				10	1	2000	1	500	21	400		60	1	18	200	6	5	11	4	1	1	2		2			693	7	2
Manistee	4	125		1	6	5	1	15000	1	2000	188	2740		221	1	24	270	29	43	72	5	3	1	4	10		27		1279	25	10
Millbrook	6	68		4	4	5	3	3500	1	750	166	325	640	40	4	27	200	30		30	5	1		3	1	1			598	10	
Montague	17	186	1	4	1	7	2	5000	1	1200		408	850	111	2	17	250	39	15	54	10	1	1	2	5	1	70		960	20	103
Morley	3	82	2		8	4	1	2500	1	500	33		339	60	2	17	125	11		11	4	1	1	3	5	1			588	11	2
Mt. Pleasant	8	147		1	1	8	1	20000			125			200	1	25	225	63	37	100	12	2	1	12	9	3	14		1229	50	21
Paris																															
Pentwater	18	48			4	3	1	6000			308			100	1	17	92	16	14	30	4	1	1	4	1	1	34	1	453	16	
Pierson	11	120	3	1		7	2	3000	1	100	60				3	34	178	14	4	18	4	1	1	4	1	1			535	8	
Reed City	17	132	2	2	2	13	1	5000	1	1000		100	950	125	1	15	144	20	25	45	5	1	1	5	3	1	7		857	20	25
Salt River	13	74			2	19	1	2500			200	100	400	75	4	38	250	25	7	32	6	1	1	6	9	2	1		762	102	13
Sanford	11	46			4	10	1	2500			15		300	50	5	36	164	8		8	2	1	1	2		1			348	4	2
Shelby	12	160	2	2	5	9	1	4000	1	700	200	75	200	140	1	15	130	40	10	50	2	1	1	2	4	1	60		860	16	8
Sherman City		54	1		1																								8		
Stanwood & Altona	10	110	2	10	5	5	1	600	1	500	100			75				7		7				2					420	7	1
Summit and Riverton Indian Mission	10	74	4	2	6	20	1	2000	1	1000	110		33	35	2	15	75	8		8	2	1		1			2		466	7	
Whitehall	5	95		1		2	1	4300	1	1200		325		150	1	15	150	42	30	72	8	1	1	5	3	1	30		1225	20	40
White Cloud	12	13			1		1	2000			75		636	20	1	7	35												262		

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		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Big Rapids	F. L. Thompson	1250	1250	......	128	128	14	14	43	43
Calkinsville and Isabella	J. O. Snider	......	(241)	......	......	......	......	......	......	1
Chase and Baldwin	C. H. Theobald	600	587	13	40	40	3	3	9	9
Clare	C. W. Smith	672	618	54	54	53	6	3	18	15
Colman	R. A. Wright	500	510	......	36	36	2	2	7	7
Chippewa Lake	J. H. Strickland	150	150	......	......	9	......	......	......	1
Crystal Valley	J. W. Perkins	500	350	150	39	39	......	......	7	3
Evart	M. W. Smith	1000	920	80	64	60	10	4	28	14
Freesoil	G. E. Matthews	455	430	25	40	40	5	2	14	14
Fremont	Jas. Roberts	510	394	116	......	27	3	1	9	3
Gladwin	S. C. Tiney	360	360	......	36	36	3	......	7	4
Harrison	E. Tredgold	500	490	10	36	36	1	......	7	7
Hart	N. M. Steele	710	650	60	50	50	......	2	......	11
Hersey and Ashton	W. H. B. Urch	550	575	......	48	48	4	4	11	11
Hesperia	J. W. Sutton	400	362	38	36	36	4	2	11	8
Holton	A. S. Jenkins	430	278	152	24	24	2	......	5	1
Howard City	E. F. Newell	475	425	50	44	44	5	3	14	8
Ludington	G. Daniels	950	950	......	56	56	4	4	23	23
Luther	H. R. Hawley	600	650	......	40	40	4	3	11	7
Manistee	J. W. Miller	1200	1200	......	74	74	12	5	38	25
Millbrook	Geo. Killean	600	540	60	56	56	6	2	18	10
Montague	H. S. Taft	900	900	......	54	54	6	6	30	20
Morley	W. N. Younglove	700	547	153	40	39	......	2	......	11
Mt. Pleasant	G. L. Haight	1150	1150	......	68	68	11	11	26	50
Paris	W. R. Campbell	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Pentwater	J. C. Beach	410	410	......	40	40	3	3	9	16
Pierson	E. L. Sinclair	550	486	64	54	45	6	4	18	8
Reed City	J. K. Stark	800	800	......	50	50	7	7	20	20
Salt River	G. H. Lockhart	700	700	......	52	56	5	6	14	102
Sanford	Ira A. Scott	495	315	180	32	32	1	1	4	4
Shelby	J. S. Valentine	800	800	......	56	56	......	4	......	16
Sherman City	A. F. Severn	......	......	......	......	8	......	......	......	1
Stanwood and Altona	E. L. Odle	411	378	33	40	40	2	2	7	7
Summit and Riverton Ind. Mission	A. A. Darling	450	425	25	40	40	4	1	10	7
Whitehall	W. Hanson	1150	1150	......	68	68	11	7	30	20
White Cloud	J. H. Wilcox	300	250	50	20	12	1	......	2	1
		21228	20241	1313	1515	1540	145	108	450	508

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Alba	12	23				17					30				2	20	64				1	1				1			134	3	
Bear Lake	9	95	1	1	1	6	1	1300	1	500	50			15				9		9									321	4	
Bellaire	7	46		1			1	2400	1	500	300	75	1387	6	1	10	99	10		10	2	1	1	3		1		66	323	4	1
Boyne	18	108	3	1	8	4	1	400	1	600				65	3	24	140	8		8	2	1	1	2	2				421	4	
Cadillac	6	98	2		8	5	1	2500	1	1000	55			100	1	26	120	32		32	5	1	1	3	5	3	35		997	7	30
" Circuit	5	70	1		1	2	2	160	1	200		30	56	30	1	3	20	10	1	11	3			4					316	3	
Charlevoix	26	118	1	3		18	1	3000	1	1500				125	1	24	130	19	5	24	2	1		2	4		6		768	8	
Cross Village	21	66		1	3	1			1	500	7		120		6	51	187	4		4	1	1	1	1		1	1	3	326	2	
Elk Rapid	15	175	4		3	2	3	4400	1	1200	1000		1000	70	5	54	280	15		15	3	1	1	1	1		18		752	5	
Fife Lake	8	109			2	2	2	3200	1	300	261	10	560	40	2	24	109	2		2	1	4	2		3	1			560	4	
Frankfort and Benzonia	7	87	2		3	4	2	4500	1	1000	85	75	200	100	1	12	71	6	1	7	1	1	1	2	3				606	2	2
Harbor Springs	3	22					1	2450	1	650	70		150	15	2	20	105												243	1	
Inland	15	65	1	3		5			1	200				10	3	23	80	7		7									175	3	
Ironton	3	20			8	3	1	800					30	10	3	15	95	7		7	1	1	1	1	2	1			308	2	
Kalkaska	3	35	1	1	2		1	3000	1	300			600	65	1	12	90	3		3									468	2	
Lake City	7	25	1	1			1	2100	1	800				43				8		8	1	1		2		1			476	2	2
Leroy	13	265	2	1	6	2	1	2500	1	500		40		45	3	25	178								4				591	5	
Mancelona	10	108	2	3	5	5	1	2500	1	800	426	375	325	78	2	24	180	17	5	22	4	1	1	4		1			743	12	
Manton	1	40				1	1	1800	1	300	81	40		25	1	13	75	1		1									484	1	
Monroe Center	15	62	2	1			1	1500	1	350		133	351		4	24	150	16		16	1			3					340	9	
Northport and N. Indian Mission	11	101	2	2	4		2	2400	1	400	87	42	180	36	2	19	95	6		6					4	6			378	4	
Norwich	8	41		1	1	2									3	17	58	3	1	4				1	1	1			252	1	
Norwood	12	111	3	2	10	5	1	2400	1	700	60			50	3	23	143	50		50	4	1		4	6	1			753	10	
Oviatt	3	72	1		2	4	1	1200	1	50		125		25	4	26	151	4		4	2	1				1			208	5	
Petoskey	31	248		1	3	10	1	3000				200		200	1	23	192	11	42	53	7	2	1	3	2	7	123		967	16	
Petoskey Indian Mission	18	96	2	2	5	5	2	800										4		4									333	1	
Petoskey Circuit	17	70	1		7	5			1	150	50	22	19	5	4	28	81	7		7									190	6	
Sherman	14	212	2	1		10	2	3000	1	750	150			75	3	36	140	20		20	3	1	1	1		1	34		588	20	
South Arm and East Jordan	21	88	1	3	2	26	1	2500	1	300	500			60	2	18	100	7		7	2			2					551	6	
South Frankfort	18	22		2		2	2	1600			35			5	2	11	125	8		8	2			1					297	3	
Spencer Creek	1	55	1		1	1	1	1400	1	500	110		428	25	4	30	100	8	2	10	2	1		2	2	1			438	5	
Traverse City	6	230		1	1	7	1	6000			500	50		300	1	23	260	47	13	60	7	1	1	8	11	1	87		1288	23	10
Traverse City Circuit	16	110	4	2	3	12								15	4	27	105	6		6	3	1		1					235	9	
Williamsburg	6	80	1	1			1	2500				501		40	3	28	80	15		15	1	1		1	3	1			466	3	1

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Alba	Z. Cole	100	125	------	8	8	1	1	3	3
Bear Lake	S. N. Cornell	360	300	60	------	20	------	1	------	4
Bellaire	D. A. Green	445	297	148	25	25	1	1	4	4
Boyne	A. L. Thurston	550	400	150	32	20	2	1	7	4
Cadillac	A. J. Eldred	950	950	------	45	45	2	2	7	7
" Circuit	D. F. Ellsworth	336	288	48	25	25	3	3	3	3
Charlevoix	W. H. McCartney	725	725	------	45	40	4	3	7	8
Cross Village	I. Eagle	385	300	85	25	25	1	1	5	2
Elk Rapids	O. J. Golden	710	700	10	50	50	5	2	14	5
Fife Lake	S. P. Hewitt	526	526	------	40	33	4	1	8	4
Frankfort and Benzonia	G. W. Howe	650	580	70	32	24	2	2	4	2
Harbor Springs	S. Noyes	234	234	------	20	9	------	------	------	1
Inland	L. Kenney	200	150	50	24	24	1	1	5	3
Ironton	J. T. Iddings	------	296	------	13	11	2	1	4	2
Kalkaska	R. N. Middleton	528	450	78	24	18	1	------	2	2
Lake City	J. M. Smith	475	450	25	25	25	1	1	2	2
Leroy	J. F. McKinley	600	550	50	40	40	1	1	5	5
Mancelona	J. C. Ambrose	700	700	------	40	40	3	3	12	12
Manton	S. Slyter	450	450	------	32	32	2	2	5	1
Monroe Center	R. J. Stilwell	------	319	------	40	20	3	1	5	9
Northport and Northport Ind. Miss.	C. N. Coulter	420	346	74	32	32	2	------	3	4
Norwich	Thos. Tindall	239	239	------	12	12	1	1	1	1
Norwood	B. H. Whitman	*680	710	------	40	40	3	3	8	10
Oviatt	Geo. Yonker	350	190	160	32	16	2	2	6	5
Petoskey	G. W. Sherman	800	900	------	60	60	5	7	16	16
" Indian Mission	J. R. Robinson	600	312	289	20	20	1	1	1	1
" Circuit	E. Wood	235	170	65	25	19	1	1	6	6
Sherman	F. J. Freeman	600	550	50	40	37	2	1	7	20
South Arm and East Jordan	G. S. Robinson	500	525	------	25	25	1	1	3	6
South Frankfort	R. W. Tindall	380	279	101	24	16	2	2	2	3
Spencer Creek	A. W. Bushee	450	410	40	26	26	2	2	5	5
Traverse City	Robt. Shorts	1200	1200	------	80	81	6	7	20	23
" " Circuit	O. G. Whitman	------	225	------	24	9	1	1	9	9
Williamsburg	W. Heath	425	425	------	40	40	3	1	6	3
		15803	15271	1553	1065	967	71	58	195	195

Recapitulation by Districts, Michigan Conference, 1887.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP-T'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTER'L SUPPORT.		
																		Missions.													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for b'ld'ng and improv'g Chs. & Par'ages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Ch'rch Prop'y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Albion	453	4452	36	51	69	305	35	188100	16	18300	6566	455	2250	4295	45	630	4657	1232	817	2049	227	50	32	366	243	82	761	401	19689	937	259
Coldwater	416	3938	24	65	18	302	40	164200	18	18200	3848	1364	1134	2727	48	615	4015	1083	228	1311	179	41	27	161	110	39	587	146	18531	560	161
Kalamazoo	464	4608	17	62	115	349	44	198700	22	18550	9828	720	1880	4201	68	771	5279	1243	586	1829	212	56	46	184	177	80	1029	365	23217	751	775
Niles	328	3414	14	58	77	266	50	123150	19	19550	4962	1592	3930	2956	50	630	4302	845	424	1269	122	28	20	94	88	26	368	112	18360	487	210
Grand Rapids	337	4113	18	44	79	161	42	227700	23	25160	22942	2055	4294	4845	61	706	5406	1208	456	1664	268	41	28	195	154	72	859	117	22983	757	289
Ionia	426	3378	23	36	27	238	49	164825	17	15147	6344	1327	4886	3063	55	690	4658	754	325	1079	139	31	24	138	133	38	566	249	17774	565	138
Lansing	458	3292	29	59	45	326	42	128530	21	25850	5419	1629	3696	3200	53	681	4801	1271	366	1637	203	48	32	233	169	55	752	216	21931	766	557
Big Rapids	469	3324	31	64	120	263	47	129135	21	14875	7013	6261	8303	2536	68	729	5239	625	297	922	125	30	21	99	116	35	369	8	21889	507	302
Grand Traverse	386	3173	41	35	89	166	37	65310	25	14050	3857	1718	5406	1678	78	713	3803	370	70	440	61	24	13	52	53	30	304	69	16296	195	46
Grand Total	3737	33692	234	474	639	2376	386	1389650	182	169682	70779	17121	35779	29501	526	6165	42160	8631	3569	12200	1536	349	243	1522	1243	457	5695	1683	180670	5525	2737
Last Year	4001	32424	222	449	673	2367	373	1384706	176	164082	50877	17251	42327	32739	508	5874	40177	8089	2317	10406	1280	314	219	1361	1070	335	5247	1952	174002	4528	3448
Increase		1268	12	25		9	13	4944	6	5600	19902				18	291	1983	542	1252	1794	256	35	24	161	173	122	348		6668	997	
Decrease	264				34							130	6548	3238														269			711

Recapitulation by Districts, Michigan Conference, 1887.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS	NAMES OF PRESIDING ELDERS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		Pastors.			Presid. Eld.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'mts	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Par'ges	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Albion	A. A. Knappen	18899	18180	819	1310	1297	240	212	984	937
Coldwater	D. Engle	17613	17003	710	1399	1364	236	164	725	560
Kalamazoo	D. F. Barnes	21649	21193	739	1772	1789	366	235	973	750
Niles	W. I. Cogshall	17021	17036	583	1228	1210	153	114	651	487
Grand Rapids	J. I. Buell	21734	21000	886	1829	1802	285	181	914	757
Ionia	A. P. Moors	17787	16340	1592	1392	1305	198	129	703	565
Lansing	Jas. Hamilton	20370	20171	407	1598	1601	234	159	809	766
Big Rapids	J. C. Floyd	21228	20241	1313	1515	1540	145	108	450	508
Grand Traverse	W. R. Stinchcomb	15803	15271	1553	1065	967	71	58	195	195
Grand Total		172104	166435	8602	13108	12875	1928	1360	6404	5525
Last Year		165881	160143	11279	12966	12531	2012	1328	6431	4528
Increase		6223	6292		142	344		32		997
Decrease				2677			84		27	

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MICHIGAN CONFERENCE MINUTES OF 1888.

The memoir of that honored servant of God, Rev. JAMES T. ROBE, should have been at the head of the Memoirs.

It was misplaced. The mistake was not observed until too late to remedy it in these minutes.

In honor of his memory, the Secretary, (who assumes all blame for this omission,) has thought it better to leave it out entirely, that it may appear the first memoir in the minutes of 1889.

JAMES W. REID,
Sec'y Mich. Conf.

MINUTES

OF THE

MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION.

St. Joseph, Michigan, September 5-10, 1888.

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JAMES W. REID, Secretary.

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Publication of the Minutes—Secretary and Statisticians.

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CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1. The Conference shall meet at 8 A. M., spending 20 minutes in devotional exercises, and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjournment at their discretion, and provided also that on the second day of the Annual Session the Conference shall be adjourned by expiration of time at 10 A. M.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journal of the preceding day read and approved.

3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of an appeal the question shall be taken without debate.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.

5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member requests it.

6. When a motion, resolution, or report presented is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed as in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before the decision or amendment.

7. No new motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named, viz: The previous question, indefinite postponement, laying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, amendment or substitute.

8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language, but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.

10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without the leave of the Conference, nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

11. Whenever any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative to move for a reconsideration.

12. No member shall absent himself from the session of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when said question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

14. Every member who shall be within the bar, at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the Conference proceedings, which he shall cause to be published in the annual minutes, and, when so published, it shall be the official journal of this Conference. He shall have charge of the Journal and Conference files,

and forward them to the seat of the next annual Conference. He shall cause to be deposited with the Librarian of Albion College the Ancient Documents of this Conference.

17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time and shall be decided without debate.

18. All committees whose reports are to be printed in the Minutes shall present their reports in duplicate, one copy for the Conference, and another for the Committee on Publication of the Minutes, otherwise the Committee on Publication is not required to insert such reports in the Minutes.

19. All persons, while passing the disciplinary course of study, who shall be reported below the medium, or who shall be deficient in the required reading, shall be required to pass another examination on the studies so reported, or to make up the deficient reading; and the chairman of the Examining Committee shall give notice to the Conference Secretary and to the deficient party.

20, A member of the Conference accused of offences against the law and discipline of the Church, is entitled to a copy of the charges and specifications to be relied on for the prosecution of the complaint, together with a notice of the time when the accused will be called upon to answer said charges and specifications. A failure to serve a copy of said charges and specifications a reasonable length of time before the same shall be presented for adjudication must be satisfactorily explained by the prosecution before the trial can proceed.

21. Each preacher in charge shall be required to report to the Conference, with his statistics, the names of the members of his quarterly conference.

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FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, September 5, 1888.

The Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled for its fifty-third session, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, St. Joseph, Michigan, at 8:30 A. M., September 5, 1888.

Bishop Stephen M. Merrill in the chair.

The Bishop read the 55th chapter of Isaiah, and the 6th chapter of Second Corinthians; the 315th hymn was sung, after which Bishop Merrill led the Conference in prayer.

Ira R. A. Wightman, secretary of the last Conference, called the roll, and the following members responded to their names:

Aldrich, W. J., Muskegon
Allen, J., Bellaire
Armstrong, E. V., Mendon
Arney, J. W., Danby

Barnes, D. F., Kalamazoo
Barnhart, C. L., Charlotte
Beach, A. C., Pierson
Beach, J. C., Luther
Bennett, I., Quincy
Berry, J., Sonoma
Bowen, J. R., Fowler
Bray, N. L., Coldwater
Bramfitt, R., Nashville
Brockway, N. L., Johnsville
Brockway, W. H., Albion
Buell, J. I., Grand Rapids
Buell, G. A., Coloma
Buell, J. W., Newaygo
Burns, A. W., Keene
Bushee, A. W., Spencer Creek

Calkins, L. W., Climax
Callen, M. M., Lansing
Carlisle, J. W. H., Union City
Carrel, M. D., St. Joseph
Cawthorne, J. W., Mill Brook
Chamberlain, H. C., Edwardsburg
Clark, T., Moline
Cogshall, W. I., Niles

Colby, W. M., North Lansing
Cooley, E., Marengo
Coplin, W. M., Parma
Cox, Thos., Concord
Crawford, R. C., Grand Rapids
Cronk, D., Grand Rapids
Crozier, J. G., Grand Rapids

Daniels, G., Ludington
Day, E. H., Oshtemo
Dayton, J. N., Wayland
DeLaMarter, L., Mason
Donaldson, G., Parkville
Douglass, W. J., Hersey
Draper, G. C., Hillsdale

Edmonds, L. M., Bellevue
Eldred, A. J., Elk Rapids
Eldred, A. N., Litchfield
Elliot, G. C., Mattawan
Engle, D., Eaton Rapids

Ferguson, A. T., South Haven
Fisher, C. H., Cooper
Floody, R. J., Albion
Floyd, J. C., Big Rapids
French, W. P.
Frye, W. A., Spring Lake

Garlick, L. M., Woodland
Gardner, W., Albion
George, T. T., Middleville
Golden, O. J., Edmore
Gosling, G. W., Keelerville
Gould, A. M., Ionia
Graham, John, Grand Rapids
Greene, D. A., Fife Lake
Gulick, J., Mancelona

Haight, G. L., Whitehall
Hallenbeck, J. W., Portland
Hamilton, Jas., Battle Creek
Hamilton, S. L., Buchanan
Harder, J. S., Nashville
Hathaway, W. J., Berrien Springs
Hawley, H. R., Shelby
Haviland, D. S., Lakeview
Heath, W., Traverse City
Hewitt, S. P., Williamsburg
Hickey, G. S., Jackson
Hollister, G. E., Casnovia
Horner, J. W., Byron Center
Hunsberger, A., Allen
Hunsberger, W. A., Coldwater

Iddings, J. T., Reading

Jacokes, T. H., Lyons
Jacokes, C. A., Ithaca
Janes, F. N., Palo
Jordan, H. D., Holland
Judd, W., Lake View

Kellogg, E. L., Quincy.
Keillor, A. R., Bowne
King, E. H., Carson City
Kitzmiller, S., Richland
Klose, J., White Pigeon
Knappen, A. A., Niles
Kulp, G. B., Otsego

Lamport, W. W., Hartford
Lee, G. D., Hastings
Lennox, L. E., North Adams
Loomis, M. F., Battle Creek
Lumber, E. T., Kalamazoo

Marzolf, J., Albion
Master, L., Kalamazoo
Matthews, L. S., Bronson

Maveety, P. J., Ovid
Maybee, W. J., Schoolcraft
McAllister, J. W., Sickles
McGregor, R. S., Shepardsville
McKee, S. D., Martin
Middleton, R. N., Fennville
Moors, A. P., Ionia
Mount, G. L., Elsie
Mosher, W. P., Somerset Center

Newton, A. D , St. Johns
Nicholson, T., Girard

Odin, J. R., Dayton
Orwick, J. F., Centreville

Paddock, W. M., Burr Oak
Parsons, D. W., Hanover
Parsons, W. H. Bangor
Patterson, E. B., Benton Harbor
Perry, O. H., Prairieville
Pitezel, J. H., Newark, O.
Prouty, W., Marcellus
Puffer, W. M., Grand Rapids

Reid, John M.,805 Broadway, N.Y.
Reid, J. W., Three Rivers
Riehl, D. C., St. Louis
Riley, Thos., Potterville

Sherman, G. W , Traverse City
Shire, R., Lacota
Shorts R., Mt. Pleasant
Smith, C. W., Clare
Smith, M. W. F., Mosherville
Sprague, J. A., Grand Rapids
Stark, J. K., Reed City
Steffe, J. W., Winfield
Steele, S., Northport
Steele, N. M., Hart
Stinchcomb, W. R., Marshall
Strickland, S. C., Constantine
Sturgis, A. H., Eagle
Swift, W. J., Bath

Tallman, I. B., Maple Rapids
Tench, E., Pokagon
Tiney, S. C., Farwell
Tindall, R. W., Kendall
Thompson, W. H., Lansing
Thompson, F. L., Big Rapids
Thomas, C. G., Dowagiac
Thomas, J. H., Vermontville
Tuthill, G. W., Tekonsha

VanDeWalker, F. A., Orleans
Varion, George, Rockford

Ward, D. M., Royal Oak
Webster, J., Leslie
Weyant, S. A., Coral
Wheeler, A. J., Sparta
White, J., Decatur
White, J. E., Cooperville
White, J. W., Olivet
Whitman, B. H., Norwood
Wightman, I. R. A., Albion
Wilson, I., Cassopolis
Woodard, S. C., Ovid
Wygle, E.
Young, E. D.
Young, Thos.
Younglove, L.

James W. Reid was elected Secretary; A. J. Wheeler, statistical Secretary, and W. J. Hathaway, Treasurer. George L. Haight and E. T. Lumber were nominated for assistant Secretaries; E. H. King, H. C.

Chamberlain and A. F. Hart, for assistant statistical Secretaries; W. W. Lamport and W. P. Mosher, for assistant Treasurers, and they were severally elected.

The committees nominated last year were elected as follows:

BOARD OF STEWARDS—A. M. Gould, D. W. Parsons, C. G. Thomas, G. Daniels, W. J. Swift, E. L. Kellogg, J. A. Sprague, L. W. Calkins, J. Gulick.

FREEDMEN—J. W. Hallenbeck, E. B. Patterson, J. F. Orwick, T. H. Jacokes, J. T. Iddings.

PERIODICALS—W. Gardner, F. L. Thompson, L. Grosenbaugh.

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH—P. J. Maveety, N. M. Steele, R. S. McGregor.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES—Conference Secretary and Statistician.

BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS—D. O. Ball, J. Clubine, C. A. Jocokes.

EDUCATION—J. H. Potts, W. J. Aldrich, D. C. Riehl, D. Cronk, W. J. Maybee.

MISSION AUDITING COMMITTEE—E. H. Day, O. J. Golden, L. S. Mathews.

TEMPERANCE—J. W. Reid, John Graham, A. D. Newton, Geo. B. Kulp, H. S. Bargelt.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS—G. A. Odlum, W. M. Puffer, H. S. Taft, F. A. VanDeWalker, Wm. Prouty.

BIBLE CAUSE—Geo. A. Buell, Wm. Colby, J. W. Davids, A. N. Eldred, Wm. Denman.

MISSIONS—Presiding Elders.

STATE OF THE CHURCH—Geo. L. Haight, T. Nicholson, W. W. Lamport, D. W. Parsons, E. H. King.

MEMORIAL SERVICES—A. A. Knappen, D. Engle, F. B. Bangs.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—Rev. W. I. Cogshall, presiding Elder; M. D. Carrell, pastor at St. Joseph, and E. B. Patterson, pastor at Benton Harbor.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—J. Hamilton, J. W. H. Carlisle, C. L. Barnhart.

W. F. M. SOCIETY—J. White, H. D. Jordan, B. H. Whitman.

POSTOFFICES—Isaiah Wilson.

PARSONAGES AND FURNITURE—A. Hunsberger, T. T. George, W. R. Stinchcomb, James Webster, M. W. F. Smith.

The following were elected a committee on nominations: L. M. Edmonds, S. C. Strickland, G. B. Kulp, W. J. Aldrich, A. A. Knappen, J. W. Hallenbeck, C. L. Barnhart, J. W. Miller and A. J. Eldred.

The Bishop reported $30, from the Chartered Fund, and $624.90 from the Book Concern, subject to the order of the Conference. The Conference ordered the money paid to the Treasurer, for the benefit of the Conference claimants.

The Secretary read a communication from Garrett Biblical Institute, which was, together with a communication from the DePauw University, referred to the committee on Education.

Question No. 20 was taken up, Ira R. A. Wightman was called, his character passed, and he represented Albion district, and that the Missionary Plan was carried out:

ALBION DISTRICT.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Personally, the year has been one of much toil and much care. I know not the distance travelled over, nor the sermons preached; but by the blessing of God, I have been able, with three exceptions, to visit each charge every quarter, having with some special sessions held one hundred quarterly conferences, preached from four to eight times a week, administered the Holy Communion seventy-eight times, and assisted, more or less, in fourteen winter revivals, and seven tent meetings during the summer.

It is gratifying to report PEACE and good will in all our borders. In the main our people have been loyal and true. No case of outbreaking wrong, or occasion for discipline has occurred among all our members.

In the material prosperities of the church, we trust we have not lost ground. It is an *open secret* over the district that this has been a year of severe financial distress. Farmers and business men have suffered alike. Under such conditions the temptation to withhold is strong. Only the deeply consecrated will be liberal.

Yet amidst much fear and distrust the brethren generally saw fit to order an advance all along the line. Four charges felt impelled to reduce the pastor's claim; but ten charges were pleased to increase the amounts allowed, so that the figures will show a net increase in salaries over those of the preceding year of $1,075.

Church improvements have received needed attention from the brethren. Among the more noticeable are: a new church organ at West Leroy, worth $105, and improved heating arrangements at East Leroy.

The Olivet church has for years suffered from the strain of the wind upon the tall unbraced upper section of the bell tower. This threatening upper section has been removed, the walls repaired and decorated. The whole cost about $125.

At Bellevue, the pastor, Rev. L. M. Edmonds, has made a new barn from an old shed, built a substantial summer work-room and wood-house, rebuilt the walks, improved the grounds, repaired the church, and collected the $140 to pay for material; doing the work largely himself.

The Kalamo brethren, on the same charge, have neatly cushioned their church, and built a much needed wood-house, at a cost of about $80.

At Liberty, the church interior and windows have been painted and decorated, and other improvements made requiring about $100.

At Marshall, the lecture room has been refitted and greatly improved, costing about $110.

Parma has expended $115 refitting and decorating the lecture room and church windows.

At Homer, a new furnace has been put in at an expense of $250.

At Tekonsha and Lyon Lake, also, new furnaces and fittings have been provided.

Rev. Thomas Cox, at Concord, led his people forward, needed moneys were raised, and a new, modern, capacious, well-appointed home, ranking with the best in the district, rewards both pastor and people for their sacrifice and toil. The property is worth $1,500.

Two churches are in process of erection.

At Partello, the pastor, Rev. J. W. White, has toiled hard to collect, and as money could be found, the work has gone forward. At the end of a year the church is enclosed, painted outside, the floor laid, lathing done, and it is ready for plastering.

At Albion the people have arisen and begun to build. Be it said to the praise of Michigan Methodism, that at this Mecca of our faith a new temple is being erected, which shall be worthy of our honored name.

Early in the year, owing to the popularity of the pastor, Rev. W. Gardner, and the largely increased attendance at the college, it was found impossible to accommodate the congregations. One hundred and fifty extra aisle chairs were provided, and still scores were often turned away. Something had to be done. After considering many proposed locations, and much serious struggle, the society agreed to build upon the OLD SITE. $25,000 were soon subscribed, designs furnished by Mr. S. J. Osgood, of Grand Rapids, were approved, and the contract was let to Mr. A W. Coddington, of Kalamazoo.

On Sunday, July 15, the last farewell services were held in the old church, and the work of demolishing soon began Yesterday, September 4, the corner-stone of the new structure was laid with appropriate ceremonies, the Hon. E F. Mills, mayor of the city, Dr. L. R. Fiske, President of the College, the city pastors and ministers of the district participating in the services. The church is to be of brick, with heavy stone trimmings, the foundation and first section of the tower being squared Ohio sandstone. The architecture is after the most modern style—substantial yet imposing and beautiful.

The extreme measurement will be 90 x 117 feet, the greatest length extending east and west. Near the centre of the north side a tower rises to the height of 128 feet. The audience room will be in the main floor, and will occupy west end of the building. It will be about 60 x 88 feet, and supplied with galaries on three sides, the pulpit and organ being in the center of the long west side.

The ceiling will be semi-circular, and with the galaries will provide 1085 sittings within fifty feet of the speaker.

The Sunday school or lecture room will occupy the eastern end at the rear of the seating in the main room, from which it is separated by movable partitions. An admirable pastor's study near the main entrance, a choir vestry, and five or six class rooms, with abundant halls giving entrance and exit at each corner of the large room, and a reception room, dining room, etc , under the lecture room, complete the appointments of this much needed and most admirable church. Its cost will be, when completed, from $32,000 to $34,000

I must now speak of the spiritual prosperity of the work. Costly structures, large benefactions, elaborate plans, and exhausting toil, cannot compensate for the failure to win souls. The vast possibilities of the church of Christ, under its great commission and promise, "Go ye and preach, Lo I am with you even unto the end," are wasted and dishonored when souls are not saved, but are forgotten in the rush after material progress.

We began to plan early. The fall session of the District Ministerial Association was made a Revival Conference. We discussed needs and methods and *prayed for revival.* God responded to our consecration with sactifying grace. Brethren carried the blessed fire hence, and it caught among the people. Revivals occurred in every charge but three in the district.

In all these meetings the Pastors led in the work. Able assistance, however, was rendered at Eckford by Rev. George Hill, of the Michigan State Band, and at Leslie, where the Rev. J. H. Webber led in a glorious victory.

In March, a District Convention of the Young People's Methodist Alliance was held at Marshall, which was largely attended. We discussed the privileges and possibilities of the young people. Brother W. W. Cooper was present, and his inspiring address melted all hearts. At the altar of consecration a wonderful endowment of grace came upon all. New fire was kindled and carried home by these awakened young people. What workers they made. And the end is not yet.

In June, Brother J. H. Schweinfurth and George Hill and others of the State Revival Band, began a summer campaign of tent meetings with the charges who desired them, under the direction of that admirable manager, Rev. D. W. Parsons, of Hanover.

They visited Somerset Center, Mosherville, Marengo, Horton, East

Jackson, Battle Creek, Litchfield and Hanover. Success attended all these meetings.

Amid this work came the District Campmeeting at Albion. Our preparations began early. The Rev. F. A. Hardin, of Chicago, the veteran campmeeting manager and evangelist, was secured, and to his suggestions many of its successes were due.

A delegation of the Michigan State Band was there with two large tents, and did most valuable work. Every preacher in the district, with some from abroad, was present at some time and all were at their best. And God led on the forces, and the meeting was one to be remembered and in many respects nothing like it was ever known on these grounds.

No accurate account of results was kept. The young man designated to do that work became so lost in labor with penitents that he forgot the record. *The next time I appoint a registrar, I shall select a person less zealous for souls.* But far more than a hundred were converted and reclaimed, fifty being saved on Sunday alone. The preaching of full salvation was prominent and the longing for heart purity was widespread. Large numbers, oh, how many! came to the fountain of cleansing and were healed. 1,150 at least have found grace during the year—while the spiritual awakening, consecration for toil, and the brightened outlook, are beyond computation.

I regret to anticipate the loss from our ranks of three of our good men. Rev. W. W. Rork, of Homer, whom declining health compels to ask a superanuated relation; Rev. J. V. Clancy, who purposes to go to school a year or two more, and Rev. W. Gardner, of Albion, who thinks himself called to another and higher field of labor.

And here I conclude with the sentiment with which I began, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

IRA R. A. WIGHTMAN.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: W. Gardner, James Hamilton, L. M. Edmonds, D. W. Parsons, G. S. Hickey, J. Berry, J. Webster, W. P. Mosher, A. N. Eldred, M. W. F. Smith, J. W. White, W. M. Coplin, and G. W. Tuthill.

The characters of E. Cooley, W. W. Rork, W. R. Stinchcomb, R. C. Welch, W. H. Brockway, and J. H. Potts, were passed.

W. L. Bray was called, his character passed; he represented Coldwater district, and that the missionary plan was carried out:

COLDWATER DISTRICT.

It is with gratitude to God that I am permitted to report a year of uninterrupted labor and unbroken health.

On November 15 last, our church at Girard was destroyed by fire, leaving our society without a home, and so discouraged that but for the prompt and persistent efforts of the pastor they would still be homeless.

The old church was insured for $2,000. This and the prevalence of a general sympathy encouraged them to rise and build.

On Thursday of last week we dedicated one of the most beautiful church edifices, for the place, ever built in the State, at a cost of about $5,300, and is clear of debt.

At Sherwood, a building commonly known as the Rork church, centrally located and worth $4,000, was purchased by our society for $1,700, $700 of which was paid before last Conference.

On the first Sunday in January of the present year, by the blessing of God and the aid of the Church Extension Society, and friends in the district, we lifted the mortgage and released the property from all incumbrance.

A most gracious revival followed this enterprise, by which our church interests in Sherwood are made stronger than ever before.

At Camden a debt of $140 has been raised, horse-sheds at a cost of $200 have been built at Athens; also at Newton on the Burlington charge at a cost of $600.

Preparations for a like convenience at Gilead and Cambria are being made.

Church property has been improved to the amount of $900 at Coldwater, $400 at Hillsdale, $220 at Moscow Plains, $100 at Cambria, Allen and Gilead, $150 at Sturgis, $80 at Burlington, $50 at Amboy, $30 at Union City and Osseo, making a total of over $9,000 raised on the district for building and improving church property.

A new parsonage has been completed at Quincy at a cost of about $1,800.

A few weeks ago our parsonage at Gilead worth about $200, was burned, and the pastor left houseless. The people hope to build again in the near future.

District gatherings: two Ministerial Associations; three Missionary Conventions; one Sunday School Institute; six Grove Meetings and one District Camp Meeting.

Over sixty conversions, and scores raised to a higher spiritual life, were among the results of the camp meeting.

The benevolences have made a healthy advance, notwithstanding the failure of crops occasioned by the drought of the past two years.

Special efforts have been made to push the work of the Young Peoples' Methodist Alliance, from which already signs of fruitage appear.

The Sunday School interests have been carefully looked after.

Extensive revivals have prevailed at several points in the district.

During the winter Rev. J. H. Weber, Evangelist, came on the district, under whose leadership conversions have been reported as follows: at White Pigeon, two hundred; Bronson, one hundred and fifty; Coldwater, three hundred; Quincy, two hundred; Centreville, ninety-five. Under the direction of the pastors, fifty and upwards have been reported at North Adams, Moscow Plains, Butler, Sherwood, and a less number at Constantine, Sturgis, Gilead, Kinderhook, Camden, Cambria, Hillsdale, Wheatland, Union City, Girard, Burlington and Reading. Every charge on the district reports conversions.

White Pigeon, Bronson, Coldwater, Quincy, Hillsdale, North Adams and Constantine are enjoying a state of prosperity never known before to these charges.

One thousand five hundred and seventy-five souls have professed conversion on the district during the year, and over one thousand have united on probation.

As loyal a company of Methodist preachers as ever labored together have led the hosts of God on Coldwater district during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. BRAY, P. E.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: A. Hunsberger, L. S. Mathews, J. F. Orwick, W. A. Hunsberger, S. C. Strickland, G. C. Draper, L. E. Lenox, E. L. Kellogg, J. T. Iddings.

The characters of E. D. Young, L. W. Earl, W. Denman, and J. Klose, were passed.

D. F. Barnes was called, his character passed; he represented Kalamazoo district, and that the missionary plan was carried out:

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Promptly the pastors were in their places. With but little interruption they have been at work during the year. If some have excelled in quality and quantity of work, it is because of superior qualifications or more favorable circumstances or more productive fields. Certainly there has not been apparent any want of an earnest desire to do good work for the Master on the part of any one of these workers.

This is no place to eulogize the eminently successful, neither to speak of possible failures. Individual reports made on this floor, and printed minutes, will speak volumes. And yet, there are cries, and tears, and groans, that will never be again uttered. And there are triumphs and failures the history of which will never be written.

Of the charges to which men were appointed by the Bishop, all save two have been served by the pastors so appointed.

E. S. McChesney was transferred to the Wisconsin Conference. We deeply regretted his removal. We were fortunate, however, in securing the services of Rev. J. B. Whitford as his successor, who has labored faithfully and successfully to the great delight of the masses.

Some three months after Conference, Rev. H. B. Hunt, who had been appointed to our church in Vicksburgh for the third year, failed in health, and surrendered his charge. This was a source of great sorrow to a faithful pastor, and a disappointment to an excellent people. The church has been well cared for, and has had a year of great prosperity. Brothers Ranton and French who have supplied this church, have served with marked acceptability. The charges left to be supplied have been well served.

The home of only one of our pastors has been invaded by death. On February 17, last, SARAH, eldest child of Rev S. D. and Louisa McKee, departed this life in great triumph. She was only about thirteen years of age, but there was a maturity of thought and character beyond her years.

The work of building churches and parsonages in this field is by no means completed. Quite as many new enterprises have been undertaken in the past year, completed, or partially so, as in any one for many years past. On the Bloomington circuit, the Town Line church has been completely paid for and dedicated. It cost $2,105, including lot—an excellent building, with modern improvements.

A large and beautiful church has been built at Richland, at a cost of $5,400, thus providing for a long felt want. This church is not all paid for, and is not yet dedicated; two events to occur in the future, after which a more detailed report will be made.

At New Richmond a neat church is in process of erection.

At Goblesville we have organized a society, and we are now moving with flattering prospects for a new church.

The First church in Kalamazoo has voted to begin another $3,000 mission enterprise in that city.

The parsonage at Three Rivers, costing three thousand dollars, has been completed, and occupied. There is a debt on this of only five hundred dollars.

A new parsonage at Ganges containing eight rooms, and costing $950, will be ready for occupancy immediately after Conference, and paid for.

Martin, to meet demands long felt, raises a fund and orders a new parsonage, the property to be worth about sixteen hundred dollars.

Lacota, Banfield, and some others have added to, repaired or beautified their parsonages.

Numerous sheds have been built in connection with church property.

Deep interest has been felt in the matter of pastors' salaries, and the various benevolences.

The drought of last season, the lateness of this season of harvest, and the early date of our Conference session, have interfered with our material prosperity. Still we are hoping that the reports will show an advance all along the line.

Revival work was successfully prosecuted in many of our charges. Many professed conversion, and many of the church have made a more thorough consecration to God. Some of our pastors adopt the plan of reporting only as converts those who unite with the church, and give evidence of conversion in Christian life. In view of extravagant reports by some evangelists, and some pastors, and the fact that many of the converts as reported are not found, the plan is to be commended—doubtless we agree in this. Would that better work, with grander results had been done—yet we are thankful for what God hath wrought.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to be quite constantly in the field with this corps of devoted men. We have toiled, wept and rejoiced together. Each has felt his brother's care—I voice, I am confident, the vow of each when I say, wherever the lot is cast, God helping, the work of the next year shall be better than that of the past.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. BARNES.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: L. W. Calkins, C. H. Fisher, L. Master, E. T. Lumber, R. Shire, S. D. McKee, E. H. Day, G. B. Kulp, G. Donaldson, O. H. Perry, S. Kitzmiller, W. J. Maybee, A. T. Ferguson, and J. W. Reid.

The characters of W. A. Bass, D. W. Fow, O. S. Paddock, H. S. Bargelt, E. V. Armstrong, J. W. Rawlinson and H. B. Hunt, were passed.

W. I. Cogshall was called, his character passed; he represented his district, and that the Missionary Plan was carried out.

NILES DISTRICT.

Niles District has passed through one of the hardest years in its recent history. The almost entire failure of crops one year ago was felt this year in that our people who ordinarily bear the burdens and carry the work of the church were unable to contribute, even with great sacrifice, as much as in former years.

The salaries of the preachers are, in many cases, unpaid, and hardship has been endured by nearly all.

The benevolent collections will be held at about the figures of last year.

Not far from 700 have been converted this year.

Crystal Springs Campmeeting while not equal in power to the meeting of last year, was nevertheless a grand uplift to the spirituality of the church, and resulted in over twenty conversions. More than fifty testified to the added experience of perfect love.

Bangor has paid an old debt of $500, and advances upon all benevolent collections. It is intended to form a new charge from part of the territory of this charge.

Benton Harbor has paid a floating debt of nearly $600, and has improved the church property by an addition to the building, and the purchase of a pipe organ.

Berrien Springs has, in the face of great discouragement, held its own, and made advances. Conversions and accessions, nine. Improvements, $100.

Buchanan is a church composed almost wholly of poor people, yet it makes a better record and keeps its affairs in better condition than many churches of larger wealth and better opportunities, and is in good spiritual condition. Expended $175 on improvements, and full amount of assessments raised. Some conversions.

Cassopolis has arisen from its Rip Van Winkle sleep, and reports full collections. One hundred and twenty conversions, a membership more than doubled, and $360 expended on the church property. All claims are paid, and the stewards have a little money left.

Coloma has added two appointments to the circuit.

Dayton and Galien should be so reorganized as that the pastor can live at Galien. I have urged the sale of the parsonage at Dayton.

At Decatur there have been conversions and accessions throughout the year. The church has been repaired at an outlay of $150. This charge has suffered remarkably by removals and by deaths, depleting the membership by thirty.

Dowagiac is one of the best charges on the district. Church property has been repaired and improved, conversions have been frequent, the pastor's salary advanced, and all interests attended to.

Eau Clair has put a new bell in the new church.

Edwardsburg needs a new church badly. This church has suffered by short crops, and by the work of a cyclone during the summer. It ought to advance. The pastor has not been in vigorous health all the year, but is holding the fort.

Hartford has been compelled to pay a judgment of nearly $100 in all, and this burden, in addition to the usual expenses, has told upon a struggling people.

Keeler and Silver Creek will advance in benevolence. A Sunday school which had been sleeping for six years, was awakened, and is now doing good work, with increasing interest on the part of the young people.

Lawton is in the heart of the fruit region, and felt last year's drouth during this year. Our people here are not strong, but have made a creditable advance.

Lawrence has for years worshipped in an old school house, which strongly reminded the beholder of the deacon's "one hoss shay" in its last years. Now a new brick veneer church stands on their church lot, and is nearly ready for dedication. A new barn has been built, and the parsonage repaired. Much of this work has been done with the pastor's own hands. All collections will advance.

Marcellus has passed through a great revival under the labors of the pastor, assisted by an evangelist. A new bell has been purchased also.

Mattawan is in a fair condition.

New Buffalo and Three Oaks ought to be reorganized so as to place the head of the circuit at Three Oaks. This, however, is not conceded by all.

Good revival interest has been experienced here, with a goodly number of accessions. Property has been improved.

At Niles the benevolences have advanced most remarkably. The reports for this year will exceed any for the past twenty years. A new barn and horse sheds have been erected and paid for. This church is not as strong as it was twenty years ago. To maintain itself this hard year, has involved the most sacrificing labor on the part of its pastor, Brother A. A. Knappen, whose health has not been good, and of members who are not rich.

Paw Paw has enjoyed considerable revival and is much stronger than one year ago.

Pokagon is the strongest circuit in the district. It is growing. Good revivals were experienced.

St. Joseph is before your eyes. The church has been repaired, benevolences attended to, souls converted in goodly numbers, and advances made on all lines.

Stevensville has had a remarkable year. Two hundred conversions, a dead class at Bridgman revived, a new parsonage secured, and membership doubled.

Vandalia has been loaded down for many years by a heavy debt. To remove it this year seemed an impossibility. The people are so discouraged that the work is much more difficult than otherwise it would be.

I have traveled about eight hundred miles during the year, and visited nearly every charge four times.

All the remarks of other Presiding Elders as to preachers being early at their work, laboring faithfully, enjoying good health, et cetera, are hereby accepted, adopted and made a part of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

W. I. COGSHALL.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: W. J. Hathaway, S. L. Hamilton, I. Wilson, G. A. Buell, J. R. Odin, J. White, C. G. Thomas, W. W. Lamport, D. W. Parsons, W. W. Younglove, W. Prouty, A. A. Knappen, E. Tench, and M. D. Carrell.

The characters of U. Mason, G. C. Elliott, J. H. Tanner, and J. M. Reid, were passed.

J. I. Buell was called, his character passed; he represented Grand Rapids district, and that the Missionary Plan was carried out:

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

The affairs of Grand Rapids District have been carried forward through the year with their accustomed strength and momentum, and without any strange or marvelous occurrences The preachers have attended faithfully to their work, and by the blessing of God I am enabled to report a fairly prosperous year.

No serious sickness has pervaded the ranks of these ministers—with one exception, and none have died. One of these brethren, Rev. W. J. Aldrich, was overtaken, in the early part of the latter half of the year, with a very serious sickness, which, for many days, we greatly feared might have a fatal ending. But by the good providence of God, a most valuable life has been preserved, and this brother is at the seat of the Conference, reporting himself well and ready for work.

The varied departments of Christian work have been faithfully attended to, and though results may not have been all that we had looked for, yet we feel that we will have no special occasion to be ashamed of the year's record.

Revival work has been carried on in many of the charges with gratifying results, and a goodly number of the churches have received quite large accessions from this department of church work.

The Sunday School cause has been well cared for, and this great interest of the Church of Christ has not been allowed in any sense to suffer in our hands. Our people are becoming more and more awakened to the magnitude of this department of labor.

The benevolences of the church have received much careful and prayerful attention on the part of the pastors and myself, and many of the people have given liberal responses to appeals made. In the matter of missionary collections, we have done our best to reach the immortal million dollar line, and think we have made a reasonable advance.

We have done something by way of church building. Our church at Muskegon has been completed, paid for, and dedicated, and is all that was prophesied of it in my report of a year ago.

A very neat church has been built at Martin's Corners, in the Hastings Circuit, at a cost of $1,220, including furnace and furniture, and dedicated free from debt, August 26, 1888.

Considerable has been accomplished by way of church repairs and decorations, and whereas some of our churches were before dingy and unattractive, they are now beautiful and inviting.

Hastings has decorated and recarpeted its church building, at a cost of $500.

Casnovia church has been decorated and recarpeted, at a cost of $200.

Kent City church, in the same charge, decorated at a cost of $75.

The church at Holland has been decorated and recarpeted, at a cost of $200.

Rockford, decorated at a cost of $100, including insurance.

Repairs and improvements have been placed on Division Street church to the amount of $622.

Some old and troublesome church and parsonage debts have been paid. Plainfield Avenue, Grand Rapids, has paid its church debt, amounting to $410, and is now free! Kent City appointment, in Casnovia charge, has provided for the payment of a debt of $600 on its church building, though I am sorry to say that by far the heaviest part of this burden falls upon the shoulders of one man—Rev. Henry Cogshall, well known to many of the older members of this body. Being himself a poor man, he can ill afford to do this, and I would be very much gratified if this Conference could come to his relief in some way.

Ashland has provided for the payment of her church debt of $1,200, and is now free!

Caledonia has paid an old parsonage debt of $253, and is happy over the achievement.

Thus our work has progressed through the year with its variety of phases and varied results, and, thankful that so much has been accomplished, we are ready to address ourselves to the work of the future, when the authorities shall have pointed it out before us.

J. I. Buell.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: J. W. Horner, G. E. Hollister, J. E. White,

J. G. Crozier, Delos Cronk, J. A. Sprague, H. D. Jordan, T. T. George, W. J. Aldrich, George Varion, A. J. Wheeler, and J. W. Dayton.

The characters of J. B. Knott, J. W. Davids, W. Jennings, John Graham, G. D. Lee, J. W. Buell, and A. H. Gillett, were passed.

A. P. Moors was called, his character passed; he represented Ionia district, and that the Missionary Plan was carried out:

IONIA DISTRICT.

Another year of toil and sacrifice has passed away since our last annual Conference, and a brief account of the work of God on the Ionia district may be of interest to some who are unselfish enough to love the blessed work wherever done. The preachers all went to their different charges at the close of the Conference, and have done their work loyally and faithfully during the whole year. There have been no deaths or serious sickness in any of their families, for which we would express gratitude to a kind Providence. The year has not been marked by extraordinary revivals. But on nearly all our charges there have been gracious outpourings of the spirit of God, resulting in the quickening of the church and the conversion of many souls. The statistics will show a gratifying increase of membership. Our district campmeeting was one of the best I ever attended. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit were manifest from the beginning to the close. Many believers sought and found purity of heart, and a goodly number of sinners were converted.

The Young Peoples' Methodist Alliance has been organized on several charges of the district, and a district association has been instituted.

A district conference well sustained by both preachers and people was held in November last, and a district Sunday School Convention held in June was very largely attended. Dr. A. H. Gillett, of our own Conference, was present, and added greatly to the interest of the convention.

Our church at Belding was dedicated by Dr. Potts in December. A subscription was raised to pay all indebtedness excepting $310, to church extension society. This church is a beautiful structure, and is a credit to our little society at Belding.

Greenville has undertaken a magnificent enterprise. The old parsonage and church were both torn down and moved away in the spring. A new and elegant brick parsonage has been built. It is one of the finest in our Conference. The new church is well under way, and will be dedicated some time during the year. It is of brick, and of beautiful architectural design, with all modern improvements. The cost of parsonage will be $2,500 to $3,000. That of the church building about $25,000. Rev. L. Grosenbaugh, the pastor, has been the prime factor in the production of this betterment.

A new parsonage, costing with the lot, $1,200, has been built and nearly paid for at Lowell. Rev. A. T. Luther led efficiently in this good work. A new parsonage also is being built at Carson City, to cost about $1,500 exclusive of the ground upon which it stands. Rev. E. H. King, the pastor, has been the inspiration of the enterprise.

Improvements have been made in churches and parsonages upon other charges, but I will not weary your patience by particularizing.

The salaries of the pastors and the benevolences have been quite seriously affected by the failure of the wheat crop in central Michigan, and the early date of the Conference. I think, however, that the statistics will show these interests to be fully up to last year.

An old and troublesome debt of nearly $400 was paid on the Bonanza church, Woodland charge, and the church moved from there to the new town of Lake Odessa, at a probable expense of $350.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. P. MOORS, P. E.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: A. R. Keillor, E. H. King, S. A. Weyant, O. J. Golden, A. M. Gould, F. A. VanDeWalker, F. N. Janes, J. W. Halenbeck, A. W. Burns, L. M. Garlick.

The characters of L. Grosenbaugh, T. H. Jacokes, O. E. Wightman, D. C. Woodard, and J. McAllister, were passed.

H. B. Hunt, D. C. Woodard, and A. A. Knappen, were granted a supernumerary relation.

C. H. Fisher, J. B. Knott, and W. W. Rork, were granted a superannuated relation.

During the session W. F. Lowe, of Illinois Conference, F. T. Simpson, of North Indiana Conference, and Joseph Wilks, of Africa Conference, were introduced.

J. K. Stark was appointed to conduct the devotional services to-morrow morning. After singing the Doxology, the Conference was dismissed, with the benediction by Bishop Merrill.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 6, 1888.

Conference met at 8 A. M., Bishop S. M. Merrill in the chair.

J. K. Stark conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

On motion, J. W. Rawlinson, L. Grosenbaugh and G. C. Draper were appointed a committee to examine district conference records.

The Statistical Secretary called the list of those who had failed to report their statistics.

Question No. 20 was resumed.

W. H. Thompson was called, his character passed; he represented Lansing district, and that the Missionary Plan was carried out.

LANSING DISTRICT.

With gratitude to God we present this review of the work done in the Lansing District.

A few of the preachers have been called to bear domestic affliction. Early in the year Brother Bramfitt lost a sweet babe. Later our dear Brother Maveety's home was invaded with a contagious sickness, which was for a season a source of great anxiety and grief. Finally little Gracie, a lovely child, succumbed, and they were bereaved. For a time the homes of Brothers Engle and Thomas were in the shadow. Brother Engle's boy, a young man of precocious gifts, was led to the point of death, as was also the child boy of Brother J. H. Thomas, but a gracious God spared them the dreaded blow. In the middle of the year Brother H. S. McNutt, a much valued supply, in charge at DeWitt, was stricken down with rheumatism. He still suffers and has probably done his last work. Brother Riehl has patiently borne a burden in the continued affliction of his wife. In early March our venerable and beloved father in Israel, C. C. Olds, was bereaved by the death of the companion of his life. After a brief illness sister Olds fell on sleep. On March 7 we accompanied our beloved and revered Brother to the grave of his earthly hopes. Since then he has walked alone.

Revivals have been extensive and continuous upon many of the charges. Without reflecting upon any special agency employed elsewhere it is matter for congratulation that, with but two exceptions, the revivals in the district have been conducted solely by the pastors. All the pastors in the district have been evangelists.

Early in the year Elsie was visited with a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Bismark, on the Vermontville charge, was blessed with a glorious awakening, resulting in many conversions. Charlotte likewise was signally favored.

At First Church, Lansing, a tent meeting of deep interest was held in May by the Revival Band. The church contributed $175 to pay for the Band tent.

The charges which have reaped results from special services during the year, in addition to those already mentioned, are Alma, Breckenridge, DeWitt, Eaton Circuit, Grand Ledge, Ithaca, Lansing Central; also the First Church, Mason, Ovid, Potterville, St. Johns, Shepardsville, and Ashley, on the Sickles Circuit.

The one agency which has had much to do with this general and uniform spiritual development is the remarkable campmeeting which annually occurs within the bounds of the district. The Lansing District Campmeeting Association was changed a year ago to the Central Michigan Campmeeting Association. The ostensible design of this change was to express in the name the real character and scope of the organization. Under the auspices of this association the annual campmeeting was held at Eaton Rapids, from June 9 to 19. It is not claiming too much to say that the interest and success of this meeting were due largely to the presence and co-operation of the people and preachers of the district, and the district reaps a corresponding result. It is without question one of the most healthful resorts in the State, north or south.

In building and improving property, there has been material progress.

One Sunday afternoon last winter, the church at Charlotte was discovered to be on fire. The disaster originated in a worn-out furnace, the flames communicating with the floor of the audience room. By the prompt action of the fire department, the building, which is a solid brick, was saved, but the interior both above and below was seriously scorched. Fortunately the pastor was able to remove his effects from the study, and thus escaped a serious personal loss. The damage to the church was fully covered by insurance, and with commendable energy the trustees proceeded immediately to repair the damage.

The parsonage also has been thoroughly renovated, and undergone several improvements.

At Eagle a new parsonage has been completed at a cost of $800; a floating debt of $185 has also been paid.

At Eaton Rapids, the parsonage was painted and otherwise renovated ready for the new pastor. During the year a deep water well has been dug —about $150 was expended. The salary was voluntarily increased.

At Elsie, also, the parsonage has been renovated.

The church at Bannister on this charge is being pushed to completion; about $800 has been expended thus far. A timely donation from the Board of Church Extension just received, will enable the trustees to have the building ready for dedication about the beginning of October.

At Grand Ledge no house could be obtained for the preacher, and steps were immediately taken toward the erection of a parsonage upon the lot adjacent to the church. It is a neat, commodious, and substantial house. The mantel of the front room was designated the "Olds Memorial Mantel," in testimony of the very high esteem in which our venerable Brother, C. C. Olds, is held upon this charge.

At Perrinton, a new town situated on the new line of railroad running from Ashley to Muskegon, pioneer work has been done. In company with the pastor of Maple Rapids, we formally organized the Methodist Episcopal Church of Perrinton. The appointment is temporarily attached to Maple Rapids.

This is but one of several places in this section of the district awaiting our coming. The new railroads recently extended through the district have opened an entirely new territory.

At Maple Rapids the new parsonage has been painted, as the result of indomitable industry of the pastor. This is now one of the most comfortable houses in the district, or even in the Conference.

Ovid has put a furnace into the church, and made repairs.

The newly purchased parsonage at Potterville was renewed throughout at the beginning of the year, and is now a very desirable residence.

At Shepardsville the church has been freed from debt, replaced the cracked bell with a new one of fine tone, repainted the exterior wood work, and re-varnished the interior.

The debt on the Sickles church has been paid.

At Ashley a new and enterprising railroad town, situated at the junction of the T. A. A. with the Toledo, Sag. & Muskegon railroads, an appointment was opened on December 15. Presiding Elder entered the town and preached to a good audience.

On February 14 a class organized and placed with the Sickles circuit. The town has grown within a few years to a population of 1,000, and promises to be a place of some importance to that new and opening country. This part of the district, I venture to say, is as new and as needy as any part of the Conference.

At Ashley a lot has been donated to us, and secured by deed, for the purpose of building a church.

At Vermontville, improvements have been made on the parsonage.

At Bismark, substantial sheds have been built.

At Winfield, the debt on the church has been liquidated; also at Aurelius.

On First Church, Lansing, something has been expended upon carpets and repairs.

At the Gunnison appointment, on the DeWitt Circuit, a substantial and attractive church has been commenced and is now near completion; to cost about $2,500.

Lansing Central has at last secured plans and commenced upon a new church. Owning one of the most valuable properties in the city, it has finally placed it in the market and realized upon it the sum of $13,500. The statement of the chairman of the Board of Trustees shows available property worth $23,000. In addition to this there is a cash subscription of $9,000. It is estimated that the subscription can be increased at least $5,000, giving assets amounting to $37,000. The available cash resources, actual and probable, are at least $27,000. The delay has been occasioned by the desire to select the best plan. The one finally determined upon is one submitted by McMyers, the architect and builder of the State Capitol. The contract has been let to Mr. Coddington, of Kalamazoo, for the sum of $33,125.95. During the year the sum of $900 has been expended upon the new parsonage.

The Lansing District has made for itself an enviable record in the matter of the benevolent collections. There is universally a spirit of loyalty to all these interests. Many of the charges have exceeded the apportionment for Missions and Conference Claimants.

We have sought to restore the Class Meeting to its original idea and the office of class leader to its proper dignity.

If traveling 7,000 miles, preaching 206 sermons, presiding in 350 auxiliary meetings, is work, the year has been one of work. If preaching eight times in four days and holding in addition nine other meetings, and traveling many miles, is toil, sometimes it has been toil. We have never missed an appointment for any cause.

W. H. THOMPSON.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: W. J. Swift, C. L. Barnhart, G. L. Mount, J. R. Bowen, C. A. Jacokes, M. M. Callen, W. M. Colby, I. B. Tallman, L. DeLaMarter, R. Bramfitt, J. Roberts, P. J. Maveety, T. Riley, A. D. Newton, D. C. Keihl, R. S. McGregor, J. Thomas, and J. W. Steffee.

J. C. Floyd was called, his character passed; he represented Big Rapids district, and that the Missionary Plan was carried out.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

The Conference year began with thirty-eight charges announced by the Bishop, over which he appointed fourteen traveling Elders, five traveling Deacons, nine Conference Probationers, leaving ten charges to be supplied.

These supplies were at once secured, and all the pastors went immediately to their work, some of them on such meagre salaries that the necessaries of life have not always been to them and their families.

During the year one charge has been added to the district, and the Bishop will be requested to organize two more for next year. This will make for our district an increase of ten charges in three years.

There are fifty-four church buildings on the district, worth $138,000; insured for $67,500, in debt $6,000. Parsonages twenty-four, worth $16,000; insured for $9,500, in debt $2,500.

About $8,000 have been expended in building and repairs, and about $2,500 in paying old debts. Some new debts have been contracted in building churches and parsonages, and the total district debt is about $8,000 – a trifle over five per cent. of the property valuation.

Some of these debts are very grievous, and of several year's standing, and the prospect of speedy payment is not the most flattering. They are against churches built a few years ago in small villages, thriving then on the lumber business, but now "dead, past all doubt as dead can be," because of the exhaustion of the pine, the closing of the mills, and the exodus of the inhabitants.

Sagacious, superhuman foresight is needed to locate church buildings in lumber districts; and with it, an unyielding determination to build no bigger nor better than the cash in hand will warrant.

Some progress has been made in church debt paying. The White Cloud church reported to the Conference last fall for aid, and withdrawn to give place to the Bellaire church, has been saved. Of this amount the Big Rapids District paid $250, White Cloud people $150, and friends outside the district $100.

The pastor of Big Rapids made effort early in the year to pay a $550 debt, and succeeded last Thanksgiving. Besides this $250 have been paid for improvements on the property. The Trustees also have $500 cash in hand to be applied to the building of a new parsonage.

Debts have also been paid at Fourth Ward Ludington, $400; Clare, $150; Montague, Chase, Shepherd, and Gladwin, $100 each, and smaller amounts in other places.

The churches at Coleman, Holton, Altona, Harrison, Hesperia and

Edenville, are not insured. Also the parsonages at Pierson, Coleman, Shelby, Clare, Harrison and Hesperia. I make specific mention here of the above facts, hoping that salutary effects will follow.

Several churches are now in process of erection, some of them nearly or quite completed and ready for dedication, viz: Pangborn's, Butman, Leaton, Calkinsville, and Cargill. When finished, these churches will be worth from $1,000 to $1,800 each.

A new parsonage has been finished and painted to the roof boards in Ludington, worth $1,500; and at Coleman one nearly finished.

Brother Strickland has purchased and repaired a little house at Chippewa Lake, and built a good barn, and the Farwell people have bought a good property for their preacher's home. By the time snow flies the new parsonage at Mt. Pleasant will be completed; built of brick, stone trimmings, modern architecture—as fine a home as any one in our Conference, costing $2,600.

Howard City audience room has been remodeled and greatly improved, and new furniture added to the pulpit at a cost of $300.

Evart basement has been remodeled and furnished, making a fine room for social meetings, and a $200 organ put in the church, at a total cost of $650.

These are some of the things done, seen in brick and boards and money. But these are but the scaffolding of the spiritual temple which my preachers have been building to the Lord Jesus.

In every charge but one or two there have been conversions, and very gracious revivals have been had in several places, notably Clare, Farwell, Evart, Howard City, Coleman and Shepherd. The preachers report to me over 1,200 souls converted at our altars this year. About eight hundred of them have joined our church, while others have gone the way many of our converts go, to replete the ranks of sister churches.

Our second annual eampmeeting was great in attendance, great in interest, great in blessing. Our new nineteen-acre ground, beautiful for situation, was dedicated with impressive ceremonies, Wednesday, P. M., August 1. From the first to the last service the Lord was with us in power, and souls were converted, and many found a clean heart in the blood of Jesus.

Bishop Ninde spent a day with us, and greatly were the people blessed by his sweet and spiritual sermon.

It was a primitive, old-fashioned campmeeting. The preaching, except a sermon each by Bishop Ninde and Dr. Potts, was all done by our district brethren, while Brother and Sister William Taylor gave us excellent help in social meetings and altar services, and Brother Schweinfurth led the singing.

Brethren, do you seek a goodly campmeeting district—behold it here!

One new thing we had: Brother M. D. Carrell, of St. Joseph, spoke to the young people on Saturday afternoon, in the interest of the Y. P. M. A., and at the close an impressive consecration service was held with the young people, and a District Alliance was organized with 175 members. Since then local alliances have been organized at Luther, Clare, Reed City and Harrison. Very wise will the pastor be who brings his young people into this Alliance.

But have I told of prosperity on the district? There has been adversity! Have I told of joy? There has been sorrow! Did I speak of life? There has been death!

Before the Conference year was fairly begun, and the new preacher's family had fairly entered their home and begun their work, the avenger's arrow struck a faithful wife, a tender mother, a skillful helpmeet, and John C. Beach was wifeless and his only boy was motherless.

Again, as the spring-time buds were putting forth their leaves and all nature was prophetic of life, as suddenly as before, flew death's dark shadow into another preacher's home, and another preacher was bereaved and his little baby children orphaned. But again the promises of God were true, the grace of God sustained, and a weary burdened soul found rest and solace in Jesus.

Sister Tiney, but three years a wife, last April died, leaving Brother Tiney and two baby girls to mourn.

And while the ink was wet upon the page where the above lines were written, there came another message that the infant daughter of M. W. Snyder was just laid away in her little grave, and there is sorrow in another parsonage.

I have not told, nor could I tell, of the heroic sacrifices for Jesus' sake by preachers and preachers' wives upon the district. The preacher's wife is his own right hand, and often half his battle, and more than that; and no more consecrated and self-denying women are on this globe.

And now, trusting that the blood of Jesus may cleanse us from sin and keep us clean, and that the Holy Ghost may fill us with his power and tip our tongues with fire to preach the gospel, and that divine grace may keep us from falling and present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, this report is respectfully submitted.

J. C. Floyd.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: C. W. Smith, E. Treadgold, N. M. Steel, J. C. Beach, G. Daniels, J. W. Miller, E. F. Newell, R. Shorts, J. K. Stark, H. R. Hawley, and G. L. Haight.

G. A. Odlum was called, and his character passed.

G. W. Sherman was called, his character passed; he represented Grand Traverse district, and that the Missionary Plan was carried out:

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Traverse City: Brother J. C. Lee began his work here, amid great embarrassments and discouraging surroundings, but by his wise and safe methods, he has saved the church from utter ruin.

Kalkaska Charge: Rev. F. J. McKinley has done a great work for this charge; a good revival and large increase in the membership.

The church building is completed and will be dedicated soon after Conference. All debts will be paid except that of the Church Extension. This will be the finest church on the district.

Petoskey: For the past four years there has been a felt need for better church accommodations. The pastor has, in good reliable subscriptions and pledges, nearly $4,000. This amount is all we can hope to raise in this region, and will need about $2,000 more to complete the work, without debt.

Our church at Bellaire will be free from every indebtedness, except that due the Church Extension Society, as soon as the money collected last Conference is paid over.

The old church at Cadillac has been sold and moved off the grounds and preparations are being made for a new building.

A parsonage at Clarion has been completed and is now ready for occupancy. Also a new church is being built to cost $1,000.

A new parsonage, centrally located, is in process of building on Cadillac Circuit. Over $400 has been raised and appropriated to this enterprise.

A new church is being built at the Riverside appointment and is now ready for plastering. It will be pushed to an early completion.

Mackinaw City has a new society, organized last spring. It now numbers twenty-seven members, of live, enterprising Methodists. They have a fine Sunday School, and everything in good running order.

At Mancelona, improvement on church property, costing $125, has been made. The church at the Jackson appointment has been completed and dedicated.

Ironton has bought a good comfortable house for a parsonage.

Bear Lake: Brother Whitman was very successful on this charge. Soon after Conference he began revival meetings and gathered many souls for the Master. He was greatly beloved by his people. His health began to fail him in the early spring, but he did not cease to work—constant in labor until the Master said "it is enough." He died in great peace August 20. "He rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

The parsonage at Cross Village is paid for and they are looking towards a church.

East Jordan has had a good revival.

A comfortable parsonage, worth $600, completed and nearly paid for.

Stittsville is a new field, full of promise. Bought a parsonage, with an acre of land.

The church building at Charlevoix has been greatly improved, and a fine addition to the parsonage, at a cost of $500. All paid for.

At Boyne City, improvements, amounting to $100, have been made on church and parsonage.

Efforts are being made to build a church at Boyne Falls. They have raised $400 on subscription, and $200 is promised by the Church Extension Society.

On the Howard charge a new church is being built at the Atwood appointment, and will be completed and dedicated soon after Conference.

At Frankfort, Brother Howe has been pushing the campmeeting interests; has secured forty acres of beautiful land, pleasantly located on the shore of Crystal Lake. The campmeeting held in August was a success.

At Elk Rapids, Brother Eldred found the church property in great jeopardy. By his earnest and persistent efforts he has adjusted these interests so there is a hopeful outlook for the future of this charge.

Northport has had a very prosperous year, under Brother Eagle's pastorate. The Indian campmeeting was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Manton: Brother D. G. Bruce served this church well for ten months, when his health failed and he was obliged to cease his labors and seek rest. Brother Adam Clark finished the year.

While we are very grateful to the Lord for his blessing upon the labors of his ministers, and for the steady growth of the church in spiritual things, we regret there is such a deficiency in the payment of the preachers' salaries and the benevolences of the church.

By the aid of the Missionary appropriation, and the help of the Home Missionary Society, these brethren have been enabled to continue their work on the several appointments through the year.

G. W. SHERMAN.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: J. Allen, A. J. Eldred, D. A. Green, G. W. Howe, J. Gulick, W. Heath, and S. P. Hewitt.

The following were called, and their characters passed: D. O. Ball, J. C. Ambrose, O. D. Watkins, G. S. Barnes, E. A. Tanner, D. G. Bruce, B. H. Whitman, G. S. Robinson, B. E. Paddock, J. J. Hartly, and A. H. Gamble.

H. S. Taft was granted a supernumerary, and James Roberts a superannuated relation.

C. A. Jacokes reported a bequest for the benefit of the Conference claimants, made by Mrs. O. F. Pierce, Leslie, Michigan, in his hands. It was ordered paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of this Conference, for the purposes of the bequest.

A collection was taken for the relief of G. E. Mathews, which amounted to $82.26, and was paid to J. C. Floyd, his Presiding Elder.

Dr. G. W. Gue, Assistant Secretary of the Freedman Aid and Southern Education Society, J. V. Hickmott, pastor of the Congregational church in St. Joseph, Michigan, Dr. C. W. Bennett, of Garrett Biblical Institute, and Rev. W. H. Brewster, pastor of the Congregational church in Benton Harbor, Michigan, were introduced, as was also Rev. J. Atkinson, 91 years of age, member of the Kentucky Conference, and reputed to be the oldest living Methodist minister in the world.

The Secretary nominated, and the Conference elected, P. J. Maveety assistant Secretary.

W. Hansom was called; his Presiding Elder, G. W. Sherman, stated there had been rumors affecting his character. He had been brought before a committee as the discipline provides, and by this committee had been suspended until this session of the Annual Conference. The Conference directed a select number to hear and try all matters herein related, and constituted a court as follows:

Rev. J. M. Reid, D. D., chairman; P. J. Maveety, Secretary.

James W. Reid and S. P. Hewitt, counsel for the church.

The select number: L. M. Edmonds, L. S. Mathews, E. V. Armstrong, E. Tench, H. D. Jordan, L. Grosenbaugh, H. R. Hawley, J. Berry, J. F. Orwick, A. T. Ferguson, Joshua White, G. D. Lee, O. E. Wightman, and R. S. McGregor.

In the absence of the accused, J. K. Stark and J. W. Hallenbeck were appointed his counsel. All papers in the case were ordered into the possession of the Court as thus constituted, and the chairman thereof, Dr. J. M. Reid, announced that the first session of the court would be held in the Congregational church, at 2:00 P. M.

To allow the Preachers' Savings Fund Society an opportunity to transact business pertaining thereunto, Conference adjourned at 10:30 A. M.

At 11:00 A. M. Conference resumed its session, Bishop Merrill in the chair.

J. Gulick was appointed a member of the Board of Stewards, to fill vacancy.

The Secretary announced a bill of charges in his hands against W. Hansom, which was referred to the select number heretofore appointed in his case.

A committee, consisting of J. W. Horner, S. Kitzmiller and T. T. George, was appointed to consider the interests of the Kent City church for the relief of Brother H. Cogshall.

W. J. Aldrich was appointed to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

After singing the Doxology, Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. C. W. Bennett.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 7, 1888.

Conference met at 8:00 A. M., Bishop Merrill in the chair.

W. J. Aldrich conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

The Treasurer called the names of delinquents.

A telegram was read from G. L. Cole, of Los Angeles, California, announcing the death of Levi Tarr, a former member of this Conference.

The committee on Memoirs was instructed to make memorial mention of Brother Tarr, and the Secretary to express the condolence of the Conference to Sister Tarr.

Dr. L. R Fiske read the report of the Trustees of Albion College, which was referred to the committee on Education.

Dr. J. H. Potts presented to the Conference $914.28, as a donation from the Methodist Publishing Company for the benefit of the Conference claimants.

On motion of I. R. A. Wightman, a vote of thanks was extended to the Methodist Publishing Company.

The Bishop was requested to appoint J. H. Potts editor of the *Michigan Christian Advocate.*

The Bishop gave notice of the transfer of William T. Cook, a probationer of the second year, from the Northwest Iowa Conference.

The third question was taken up, "Who remain on trial?"

The following were called, their characters passed: they reported their collections, were favorably represented by the committee and their presiding Elders, and were continued on trial: James E. Arney, Arthur S. Williams, John Dobson, James S. Montgomery, Jacob Ruoff, Harry B. Rankin, Levi Aler.

William F. Harding, was called, reported his collections; he was favorably represented by the committee, and his Presiding Elder, was continued on trial, with the Conference direction to bring up the deficient studies of this year.

Norman E. Gibbs, W. Barth, Martin W. Snider, and Thomas R. Rible, were called, their characters passed, were represented by their Presiding

Elders, continued on trial, with the Conference direction to bring up the studies of the first year.

The thirteenth question was taken up: "Who are the traveling Deacons of the Second Class." Thomas Young, William A. Fry, A. W. Bushee, Seward C. Tiney, Arthur H. Sturgis, Thomas Nicholson, William J. Douglas, and Fayette L. Thompson, were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, were favorably represented by their committee, and their Presiding Elders, and were passed to Deacons of the second class.

Richard W. Tindall was called, his character passed, was represented by his Presiding Elder, and passed to a Deacon of the second class, with the Conference direction to bring up the studies of this year.

Judson V. Clancy, Gould E. Mathews, Arthur W. Griffith, Robert J. Floody, Robert A. Wright, and Howard C. Chamberlain, were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, were represented by their Presiding Elders, and were continued as Deacons of the first class.

The fourteenth question was taken up: "What traveling Deacons were elected to Elder's orders." Merritt F. Loomis, William H. Parsons, Wm. M. Puffer, Robert N. Middleton, Thomas Cox, Edmond B. Patterson, Edward G. Stevens, William Judd, James W. McAllister, were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, were favorably represented by the committee, and their Presiding Elders, and were elected to Elder's orders.

Question five was taken up: "Who are admitted into full connection?" The class of probationers who remain on trial was called, the usual disciplinary questions were asked, and they were addressed by the Bishop.

The characters of William C. Muffitt, Augustus F. Nagler, George Killean, John H. Bennett, and Delbert L. Thomas, were passed, they were favorably represented by the committee, and their Presiding Elders, and were admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.

The characters of Alfred F. Hart, John C. Chase, DeForest Ellsworth, C. H. Theobald, Arthur K. Stewart, and William T. Cook, were passed, they reported their collections, were favorably represented by the committee, and their Presiding Elders, and were admitted into full connection, being already in Deacon's orders.

Milo M. Minor, Thomas Tindall, and Frank F. Bliss, were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, were favorably represented by the committee, and their Presiding Elders, and were continued on trial.

M. M. Minor and F. F. Bliss were excused from further examination in the first year's course of study.

Gould E. Mathews was granted a superannuated relation, and was made a claimant of this year.

A. M. Gould stated on behalf of Sister H. M. Joy, her gratitude for the

Conference recognition of last year, and requested that she might not be made a claimant on the Conference funds this year.

Rev. S. T. Cooper, a member of the Northwest Indiana Conference, was introduced by the Bishop.

C. G. Thomas was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow morning.

The Doxology was sung, and the Conference dismissed with the benediction by R. C. Crawford.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 8, 1888.

Conference met at 8:00 A. M., Bishop Merrill in the chair.

C. G. Thomas conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

Dr. Reid presented the report of the select number appointed for the trial of W. Hansom. [See report.]

Dr. Reid presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it shall be the policy of this Conference hereafter, in any case of recognition of orders from other churches, to demand the return of the parchments so recognized, to the body who gave them, in exchange for the parchments given by our Bishop.

The Secretary was directed to write Bishop Thomas Bowman concerning R. Shire's certificate of recognition of orders.

The Conference directed that the collection for G. E. Mathews, of $82.26, be passed over to the Conference Treasurer, and credited to the Conference Claimants Fund, and that the Board of Stewards be instructed to add this amount to the apportionment they may make for his benefit.

L. M. Edmonds presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following persons be appointed a committee to consider the propriety of organizing a Conference Young People's Methodist Alliance: M. M. Callen, E. H. King and J. V. Clancy.

Signed,
I. R. A. WIGHTMAN,
L. M. EDMONDS,
F. L. THOMPSON,
GEORGE B. KULP,
W. I. COGSHALL,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Which was adopted.

L. M. Edmonds also presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That J. Hamilton, J. W. Reid and W. M. Colby, be a committee to consider the matter of State Revival Band Work, and report at some time during this session.

Signed,

L. M. Edmonds,
G. B. Kulp,
W. I. Cogshall,
F. L. Thompson,
H. S. Bargelt,
I. R. A. Wightman.

J. W. Horner presented a report concerning the relief of Brother H. Cogshall, of the Kent City church. [See report.]

George Sherman presented the affairs of Bellaire Church, and requested that the question of relief be referred to the committee on Bellaire church, appointed last year.

J. K. Stark was substituted for J. W. Reid on that committee.

The Secretary presented the following bills of account: L. DeLaMarter, $9.75; E. T. Lumber, (Treasurer.) $2.95; A. J. Wheeler, (Statistician,) $15.32, which were allowed and ordered paid by the Treasurer.

A collection was ordered to meet the same.

The Secretary presented the matter of publishing the minutes, and D. W. Parsons was appointed a committee to raise the necessary money.

The Secretary read a communication from the book committee concerning the *Quarterly Review*. The Bishop addressed the Conference in the interest of this publication, and D. A. Green was appointed a committee to canvass the Conference for the *Review*.

The Secretary presented a paper from the Board of Church Extension, which was referred to the proper committee.

He also read a communication from the Book Concern, relating to General Conference expenses, which was referred to the Presiding Elders, with instructions to apportion the deficiency therein referred to among the charges which failed to raise their apportionment.

D. F. Barnes presented the case of Joseph Wilks, late of Africa. The Conference directed a collection to be taken, in charge of L. Master, who reported the collection $108.29.

The fifth question was resumed: "Who are admitted into full connection?" Wm. H. B. Urch, Alex. T. Luther, were continued on trial. Ira A. Scott, and Albert G. Smith, were discontinued. Geo. H. Lockhart was discontinued at his own request.

The fourteenth question was taken up, "What Traveling Deacons have been elected to Elder's Orders?"

Albert Smith was called. He reported his collections, the committee reported favorably, he was represented by his presiding Elder, and was elected to Elder's Orders.

Question ten was taken up, "What local Preachers have been elected Deacons?"

Arthur E. North, Thomas Wallace and Charles J. Sonnama, were called, the committee reported favorably, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, and elected to Deacon's Orders.

The sixteenth question was taken up, "What local Deacons have been elected to Elder's Orders?"

A, W. Perkins was called, the committee reported favorably, he was represented by his presiding Elder, and elected to Elder's Orders.

The orders of George A. Myers, an Elder in the Christian Church, were recognized, and he was authorized to exercise the office of an Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, after taking our ordination vows.

J. W. Hallenbeck presented the report of the committee on Methods of Examination in the Conference Course of Study, which was adopted. [See report.]

John Graham, from the committee on Bellaire Church, reported that the presiding Elder, G. W. Sherman, and the Pastor, promise to assume the liabilities of said church, $100.00, more or less, and engage to see the church free from all liabilities, except the claims of the Board of Church Extension. The Conference directed D. W. Parsons, trustee of the funds collected for the relief of Bellaire Church last year, to pay the same for the relief of said church.

Dr. A. J. Mead, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. W. P. Stowe, of the Western Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Rev. J. V. Hickmott, Fraternal Delegate from the Congregational Association of Michigan, conveyed the fraternal greetings of that church to the Conference.

Dr. J. C. Hartzell, Corresponding Secretary of The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

J. B. Whitford, late of Kentucky Conference M. E. Church, South, and supply at Allegan, Michigan, was introduced.

M. M. Callen presented the report of the committee concerning the Young People's Methodist Alliance. M. D. Carrell addressed the Conference, by request of the committee, in the interest of the Alliance, after which the report was adopted. [See report.]

The Conference directed the committee on nominations to nominate a standing committee on Young People's Methodist Alliance.

The committee to examine district Conference records made their report, which was adopted. [See report.]

G. C. Draper was appointed to conduct devotional exercises on Monday morning.

The Doxology was sung and the Conference dismissed with the benediction by Dr. Hartzell.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 10, 1888.

Conference met at 8:00 A. M., Bishop Merrill in the chair.

G. C. Draper conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes of Saturday's session were read, corrected and approved.

T. H. Jacokes moved that S. Steel be requested to prepare a semi-centennial sermon, and that the committee on public worship be requested to provide opportunity for its delivery at the next session of the Conference.

The Bishop was requested to appoint A. H. Gillett agent of the Sunday School Union. Also W. H. Brockway as agent of Albion College.

The eighteenth question was taken up: "Who are the supernumerary preachers?" The following were called, their characters passed, and their relation continued:

F. Wigle, James Draper, N. D. Marsh, R. Pengelly, S. M. Merritt, T. Lyon, B. W. Smith, J. H. Hopkins, W. S. Sly, A. Potter, W. Barrett, T. J Hill, H. P. Henderson, C. W. Jones, J. Marzolf, C. C. Dawkins, C. B. Holding, A. E. Ketcham, D. R. Latham, and R. H. Bready.

The following were located at their own request: F. I. Bell, G. W. Chapin, and W. H. Williams.

The relation of the following was changed from supernumerary to effective: W. P. French, and D. M. Ward.

William Riley was reported as having surrendered his parchments, and withdrawn from the membership and ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his name was ordered so returned.

The nineteenth question was taken up: "Who are the superannuated preachers?" The following were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in that relation:

G. A. VanHorn, H. Morgan, J. H. Pitezell, I. Bennett, J. H. Richards, J. W. Cawthorne, A. C. Beach, A. A. Dunton, J. W. Hallowell, A. Wakfield, F. Glass, I. H. Skinner, T. Clark, C. Chick, L. J. Griffin, G. W. Hoag, J. S. Harder, L. M. Bennett, W. W. Johnson, G. S. Hicks, F. B. Bangs, B. S. Mills, B. S. Pratt, C. T. VanAntwerp, E. Marble, S. Steel, D. S. Haviland, S. C. Woodard, N. L. Brockway, C. H. Howe, E. D. Bacon, John Hoyt, A. A. Rolf, C. C. Olds, John Hill, I. Taylor, and J. S. Valentine.

J. T. Robe, deceased. [See memoir.]

The relation of R. C. Crawford, and S. J. Freeman, was changed from superannuate to effective.

E. L. Kellogg moved to tender the sympathy and condolence of the Conference to I. Taylor and C. C. Olds in their retirement and afflictions, and the Secretary was directed to do so.

J. R. Odin was granted a superannuate relation.

J. W. Davids, W. J. Swift, and D. G. Bruce, were granted a supernumerary relation.

The Bishop was requested to appoint M. D. Carrell Superintendent of the Young Peoples' Methodist Alliance.

F. F. Bliss was discontinued at his own request.

The following were ordered left without appointment to attend our schools: H. P. Rankin, R. J. Floody, A. E. Craig, Jacob Ruoff, J. J. Hartly, J. V. Clancy, R. A. Wright, and A. M. Griffith.

The second question was taken up: "Who are admitted on trial?"

Howard D. Skinner, Arthur E. North, Fred W. Corbett, Herbert H. Rood, George H. Bennett, Arthur Trott, William W. Divine, Samuel Trewin, Isaac W. Wallace, Hiram C. Dunsmore, Frank H. Nix, Smith C. Davis, Mahlon A. Jacokes, Charles Nease, Morris B. Townsend, William A. Taylor, Alvin O. Carman, Frederick P. Sprague, William L. Laufman, Edwin L. Odle, Edgar L. Sinclear, John A. DeGraff, James H. Wilcox, August H. Coors, were called, and introduced to the Conference. They were favorably represented by the committee, and Presiding Elders, and were admitted on trial.

The invitation from Greenville, to hold the next session of the Conference in that city, was unanimously accepted.

I. R. A. Wightman moved a resolution upon the transfer of W. Gardner from this to the Cincinnati Conference. Adopted. [See resolution.]

It was moved and carried that the nominating committee be requested to nominate a committee on Conference Register.

The Secretary moved a substitute for rule No. 16, which was adopted. [See Rules of Order.]

The Secretary read the following, which was adopted:

Rule 21. Each preacher in charge shall be required to report to the Conference, with his statistics, the names of the members of his quarterly Conference.

W. J. Aldrich moved that the Secretary be directed to publish the Constitution of P. S. F. S. in the minutes, and also indicate, by asterisk, in the alphabetical list of members, who are members in that society, the P. S. F. S. to pay for the actual cost of publication. Which motion prevailed.

The Secretary was also directed to publish in the minutes the presiding Elders' reports, after they shall have been revised and abridged.

W. H. Brockway moved that the Conference Treasurer be directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Conference Educational Society, any money in his hands collected for the cause of Education, not belonging to the parent boards. Carried.

Dr. J. O. Peck, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of Missions.

The Conference directed that the memoirs read Sunday, in the Memorial Service, be printed in the annual minutes.

The presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate triers of appeal.

L. M. Edmonds, for the committee on nominations, nominated the following for Trustees of the Michigan Annual Conference: J. M. Reid, T. H. Jacokes, A. M. Gould, A. D. Newton, G. W. Sherman, C. A. Jacokes, J. A. Sprague, J. W. Hallenbeck, and J. W. Miller, who were duly elected.

On motion, the Conference directed that when adjourned it be to 2:00 P. M.

The Bishop requested Dr. John M. Reid to preside in the afternoon session, and R. C. Crawford to conduct the devotional exercises.

Dr. G. S. Breckenridge, agent of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., was introduced.

The Doxology was sung, and benediction pronounced by Dr. J. O. Peck.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

September 10, 1888.

Conference met at 2:00 P. M., Dr. J. M. Reid in the chair.

R. C. Crawford conducted the devotional exercises.

A. J. Wheeler presented the statistical report, which was adopted. [See statistics.]

The Conference adopted the report of the nominating committee presented by L. M. Edmonds. [See report.]

The report on the W. F. M. S. was presented by H. D. Jordan, and adopted.

O. F. Orwick presented the report of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Committee, which was adopted. [See report.]

A. Hunsberger presented the report of the committee on Parsonages, and parsonage furniture, which was adopted. [See report.]

W. M. Puffer presented the report of the committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts, which was adopted. [See report.]

The report of the committee on the State of the Church was presented by T. Nicholson, and adopted. [See report.]

L. DeLaMarter presented the report of the committee on Conference Register, which was adopted. [See report.]

J. Hamilton presented the report of the committee on Conference Claimants, which was adopted. [See report.]

J. W. Reid presented the report of the committee on Temperance, which was amended and adopted on motion of George S. Hickey. See report.

P. J. Maveety presented the report of the committee on Sanctity of the Sabbath, which was adopted. [See report.]

J. Hamilton presented a preamble and resolutions concerning the Michigan State Revival Band, which was adopted. [See resolution.]

E. H. Day presented the report of the Mission Auditing Committee, which was adopted. [See report.]

On motion, the Conference took a rceess in the interest of the Conference Educational Society.

After recess, Conference met and adjourned until 7:00 P. M.

MONDAY EVENING SESSION.

September 10, 1888.

Conference met at 7:00 P. M., Dr. J. M. Reid in the chair.

W. H. Brockway conducted the devotional exercises.

The committee on Education reported through W. J. Aldrich, and the report was adopted. [See report.]

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for Trustees of Albion College. The following were duly elected: W. H. Brockway, and Hon. H. E. Staples.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for J. I. Buell as Trustee of the Northwestern University, who was declared elected.

The Secretary was instructed to furnish the usual certificate of election of Trustees of Albion College, to be recorded in the county clerk's office of Calhoun county, Michigan.

The minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions were read, corrected and approved.

W. H. Brockway moved that the committee on Public Worship be requested to so arrange their plans next year, that the Educational Society may have an opportunity for an educational meeting. Adopted.

G. C. Draper moved a vote of thanks to the Secretaries, and the Stewards for their services in the work of the Conference. [See resolution.]

Also to the *Palladium* and other papers for their reports of proceedings. [See resolution.]

J. G. Crozier moved a vote of thanks to the Pastors and people of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, for their generous entertainment. [See resolution.]

D. W. Parsons presented the report of the committee on Minutes, and a collection was ordered, which amounted to $40.87.

A bill for $1.50, Conference Secretary expense, was approved and the Treasurer ordered to pay the same.

G. E. Hollister reported that he had received, in aid of Henry Cogshall, who was under the Kent City Church debt, $65.00, $22.00 of which was cash, and he was ordered to pay the same to Henry Cogshall.

A. M. Gould presented the report of the Board of Stewards, which was adopted. [See report.]

The Bishop presented the following certificate of ordination:

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., September 10, 1888.

This certifies that on Sunday, September 9, 1888, I ordained William C. Muffitt, August F. Nagler, George Killean, John H. Bennett, Delbert L. Thomas, Arthur E. North, Thomas Wallace, and Charles J. Sonnama, as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church; and also that, in the afternoon of the same day, in Benton Harbor, with the assistance of Elders present, I ordained the following persons to the office of Elders, namely: William M. Puffer, Robert N. Middleton, Thomas Cox, Edmund B. Patterson, Edward G. Stevens, William Judd, James W. McAllister, Albert Smith, and John W. Perkins.

S. M. MERRILL.

Dr. G. S. Breckinridge, financial agent of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., briefly addressed the Conference in the interest of that institution.

Dr. John M. Reid presented a resolution concerning the Brooklyn Hospital, which was adopted. [See resolution.]

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

W. H. Brockway moved that after the appointments shall have been announced by the Bishop, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*. The motion prevailed.

W. I. Cogshall presented the report of the Presiding Elders on Missions; adopted. [See report.]

W. I. Cogshall presented the report of the Presiding Elders as committee to nominate trials of appeals; adopted. [See report.]

He also read the appointment of the committee on Examinations. [See Conference committees.]

The twentieth question was resumed. B. E. Paddock was called, and his character passed.

F. C. Lee was called, whose orders were recognized in the morning session, and answered the usual questions in the ordination vows, and he was then received into full connection.

C. C. Dawkins and W. S. Sly were granted a location at their own request.

A resolution of thanks to Bishop Merrill was unanimously passed. [See resolution.]

Bishop Merrill made a brief address, and read the appointments, and at 9:30 P. M. the Conference was adjourned without day.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who are received by transfer, and from what Conference?

Joseph Wilks, from the African Conference; William T. Cook, from the Northwest Iowa Conference; W. H. Williams, from the Maine Conference.

2. Who are admitted on trial?

Howard D. Skinner, Frank H. Nix, Arthur E. North, Smith C. Davis, Fred. W. Corbett, Mahlon A. Jacokes, Herbert H. Rood, Charles Nease, George H. Bennett, Morris D. Townsend, Arthur Trott, William A. Taylor, William W. Divine, Alvin O. Carman, Samuel Trewin, Frederick P. Sprague, Isaac W. Wallace, William L. Laufman, Hiram C. Dunsmore, Edwin L. Odle, Edgar L. Sinclair, James H. Wilcox, John A. DeGraff, August N. Coors.

3. Who remain on Trial?

Norman E. Gibbs, William F. Harding, J. E. Arney, Charles J. Sonnema, William Barth, Thomas R. Rible, Arthur S. Williams, Robert M. Young, William D. Rowland, Harry P. Rankin, John Dobson, Levi Aler, Granger G. Chase, Irving Eagle, James S. Montgomery, William H. B. Urch, Martin M. Snyder, Alex. T. Luther, Jacob Ruoff, Milo M. Miner, Thomas Tindall.

4. Who are discontinued?

Ira A. Scott, George H. Lockhart, Albert G. Smith, F. F. Bliss.

5. Who are admitted into Full Connection?

Alfred F. Hart, Arthur K. Stewart, William C. Muffitt, William T. Cook, John C. Chase, August F. Nagler, George Killean, DeForest Ellsworth, C. H. Theobald, John H. Bennett, Delbert L. Thomas.

6. Who are re-admitted?

None.

7. Who are received on credentials from other Churches?

Frederick C. Lee, from the Protestant Episcopal Church.

8. What travelling Preachers have been elected Deacons?

William C. Muffitt, George Killean, August F. Nagler, John H. Bennett, Delbert L. Thomas.

9. What travelling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

William C. Muffitt, George Killean, August F. Nagler, John H. Bennett, Delbert L. Thomas.

10. What local Preachers have been elected Deacons?

Arthur E. North, Thomas Wallace, Charles J. Sonnema.

11. What local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

Arthur E. North, Thomas Wallace, Charles J. Sonnema.

12. Who are the Travelling Deacons of the First Class?

Arthur M. Griffith, Gould E. Matthews, Judson V. Claney, Robert J. Floody, Robert A. Wright, Howard C. Chamberlain, Alfred F. Hart, George Killean, William C. Muffitt, DeForest Ellsworth, C. H. Theobald, John C. Chase, John H. Bennett, Delbert L. Thomas, August F. Nagler, Arthur K. Stewart, William T. Cook.

13. Who are the Travelling Deacons of the Second Class?

Thomas Young, Arthur H. Sturgis, William A. Frye, Thomas Nicholson, Richard W. Tindall, William J. Douglass, Albert W. Bushee, Fayette L. Thompson, Seward C. Tiney.

14. What Travelling Deacons have been elected Elders?

Merritt F. Loomis, Thomas Cox, William H. Parsons, Edmund B. Patterson, William M. Puffer, Edward G. Stevens, Robert N. Middleton, William Judd, James W. McAllister, Albert Smith.

15. What Travelling Deacons have been ordained Elders?

Merritt F. Loomis, William H. Parsons, William M. Puffer, Robert N. Middleton, Thomas Cox, Edmund B. Patterson, Edward G. Stevens, William Judd, James W. McAllister, Albert Smith.

16. What local Deacons have been elected Elders?

John W. Perkins.

17. What local Deacons have been ordained Elders?

John W. Perkins.

18. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

E. Wigle, S. M. Merritt, James Draper, Thomas Lyon, N. D. Marsh, B. W. Smith, R. Pengelly, J. H. Hopkins, W. S. Sly, A. Potter, W. Barrett, T. J. Hill, H. P. Henderson, C. C. Dawkins, C. W. Jones, C. B. Holding, J. Marzolf, A. E. Ketcham, D. R. Latham, R. H. Bready, D. G. Bruce, W. J. Swift, J. W. Davids, H. S. Taft, H. B. Hunt, A. A. Knappen, D. C. Woodard, H. S. Taft.

19. Who are the Superanuated Preachers?

G. A. VanHorn, J. Bennett, H. Morgan, J. H. Richards, J. H. Pitezell, J. W. Cawthorne, A. C. Beach, J. W. Hallowell, A. A. Dunton, A. Wakefield, F. Glass, I. H. Skinner, T. Clark, C. Chick, L. J. Griffin, G. W. Hoag, J. S. Harder, L. M. Bennett, W. W. Johnson, G. L. Hicks, F. B. Bangs, B. S. Mills, B. S. Pratt, C. T. Vantwerp, E. Marble, S. Steele, D. S. Haviland, S. C. Woodard, N. L. Brockway, C. H. Howe, E. D. Bacon, John Hoyt, A. A. Rolfe, C. C. Olds, John Hills, J. Taylor, J. S. Valentine, James Roberts, J. R. Odin, George C. Elliott, C. H. Fisher, W. W. Rork, G. E. Matthews, J. B. Knott.

20. Was the character of each Preacher examined?

This was carefully done in open Conference.

21. Have any died?

J. T. Robe. [See memorial.]

22. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?

A. H. Gamble, to Minnesota Conference; W. Gardner, to Cincinnati Conference; J. J. McAllister, to Montana Conference.

23. Have any withdrawn?

William Riley.

24. Have any been located at their own request?

W. H. Williams, George W. Chapin, F. I. Bell, C. C. Dawkins, W. S. Sly.

25. Have any been located?

None?

26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?

None.

27. Have any been expelled?

William Hansom.

28. Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?

L. Grosenbaugh, L. DeLaMarter, J. W. Miller, A. J. Eldred, E. L. Kellogg, Levi Master, James Hamilton.

29. What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?

[See statistics.]

30. What are the claims on the Conference Fund?

$7,462.42.

31. What has been received on the claims, and how has it been applied?

$7,462.42 paid to claimants. [See Steward's report.]

32. Where are the Preachers stationed?

See appointments.

33. Where shall the next Conference be held?

Greenville.

APPOINTMENTS.

[The figures indicate the year of service now entered upon.]

ALBION DISTRICT—I. R. A. WIGHTMAN, P. E., 2.

Albion—J. C. Floyd	1
Battle Creek—Jas. Hamilton	2
Bellevue—L. M. Edmonds	2
Concord—Thos. Cox	3
Eden—To be supplied	
Hanover—O. E. Wightman	1
Homer—G. Daniels	1
Jackson, Cooper St—W. H. Urch	1
" First Church—G. S. Hickey	2
" HavenChurch–W.M.Coplin	1
Leroy—A. N. Eldred	1
Leslie—J. Webster	2
Liberty—L. B. Kenyon	1
Litchfield—O. S. Paddock	1
Marengo—Elias Cooley	3
Marshall—J. H. Tanner	1
Mosherville—M. W. F. Smith	2
Olivet and Partello—J. W. White	2
Parma—W. P. Mosher	1
Penfield—M. F. Loomis	2
Springport—J. Clubine	2
Tekonsha—G. W. Tuthill	2
Tompkins—To be supplied	

J. H. Potts, editor *Michigan Christian Advocate*, member of First Church, Jackson, Quarterly Conference.

R. C. Welch, Professor, and W. H. Brockway, Agent, of Albion College, members of Albion Quarterly Conference.

COLDWATER DISTRICT—N. L. BRAY, P. E., 2.

Allen—sup. J. R. Skinner	1
Athens—A. Hunsberger	1
Bronson—D. L. Thomas	1
Burlington—L. W. Earl	1
Burr Oak—sup. H. W. Thompson	1
Butler—sup. Nelson R. Woods	1
Cambria—W. C. Muffitt	2
Camden—sup. Thomas Wallis	1
Centreville—J. F. Orwick	2
Coldwater—W. A. Hunsberger	3
Coldwater Circuit—sup. Jno. Hart	1
Colon—E. D. Young	2
Constantine—S. C. Strickland	4
Gilead—R. M. Young	1
Girard—L. S. Mathews	1
Hillsdale—G. C. Draper	2
Jonesville—F. W. Corbett	1
Kinderhook—sup. W. J. Tarrant	1
North Adams—L. E. Lennox	3
Osseo—A. K. Stewart	1
Quincey—E. L. Kellogg	3
Ransom—George H. Bennett	1
Reading—J. T. Iddings	2
Sherwood—William Barth	1
Sturgis—William Denman	2
Union City—Thomas Nicholson	1
White Pigeon—Herbert H. Rood	1
Wheatland—William Paddock	1

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—D. F. BARNES, P. E., 4.

Allegan—H. S. Bargelt	1
Augusta—John Berry	1
Banfield—J. C. Chase	1
Bloomingdale—Sam'l Kitzmiller	1
Climax—L. W. Calkins	2
Comstock—W. F. Harding	2
Cooper—Arthur Trott	1
Douglass—To be supplied	
Fennville—H. C. Dunsmore	1
Galesburg—W. A. Bass	1
Ganges—R. N. Middleton	1
Goblesville—To be supplied	
Kalamazoo—	
First Church—Levi Master	2
Simpson Church–E. T. Lumber	3
Kendall—R. W. Tindall	2
Lacota—Richard Shire	2
Martin—S. D. McKee	2
Mendon—E. V. Armstrong	3
Mill Grove—To be supplied	
Monteray—I. W. Wallace	1
Nottawa and Bradley Indian Mission—To be supplied	
Oshtemo—To be supplied	
Otsego—G. B. Kulp	2
Parkville—Joseph Wilks	1
Plainwell—J. W. Rawlinson	2
Prairieville—O. H. Perry	2
Portage—To be supplied	
Richland—W. T. Cook	1
Saugatuck—To be supplied	
Schoolcraft—Joshua White	1
South Haven—A. T. Ferguson	2
Springbrook—W. W. Divine	1
Three Rivers—J. A. Sprague	1
Vicksburg—W. P. French	1
Waukeshma—Geo. Donaldson	1

NILES DISTRICT—W. E. COGSHALL, P. E., 3.

Bangor—W. H. Parsons	2
Benton Harbor—E. B. Patterson	2
Berrien Springs—G. W Gosling	1
Breedsville—S Trewin, Jr	1
Buchanan—S. L. Hamilton	3
Cassopolis—I. Wilson	2
Coloma and Watervliet—G. A. Buell	2
Decatur—W. W. Lamport	1
Dowagiac—C. G. Thomas	3
Eau Clair and Pipestone—sup. W. J. Wilson	1
Edwardsburg—H. C Chamberlin	2
Galien and Dayton—F. H. Nix	1
Hartford—W. Prouty	1
Keeler and Silver Creek—sup. O T Hutchinson	1
Lawrence—W. N. Younglove	2
Lawton—E. H. Day	1
Marcellus—W. R Stinchcomb	1
Mattawan—sup. S. S. Slyter	1
New Buffalo and Three Oaks—U. Mason	1
Niles—George L. Haight	1
Paw Paw—W. J Hathaway	1
Pokagon—E. Tench	2
St. Joseph—J. W. H. Carlisle	1
Stevensville—J. E. Arney	2
Vandalia and Mottville—C. S. Fox	2

J. M. Reid, Honorary Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society. Member Niles Quarterly Conference.

M. D. Carrel, Superintendent Y. P. M. A. Member St. Joseph Quarterly Conference.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—J. I. Buell, P. E., 4.

Ada—J. N. Dayton 1
Ashland—sup. A. T. Frey.......
Berlin and Lamont—
  Thomas R. Rible.......... 1
Byron and Dorr—J. W. Buell .. 1
Caledonia—A. S. Williams...... 2
Cannonsburg—sup. C. R. Crosby
Casnovia—J. H. Bennett 1
Cedar Springs—H. D. Jordan .. 1
Coopersville—George Varion... 1
Grand Haven—Wm. Jennings.. 2
Grand Rapids—
  Ames Church—J. G. Crozier . 2
  Division Street—John Graham 4
  East Street—George D Lee.. 1
  Plainfield Ave—Delos Cronk. 1
  Second Street—J. W. Reid... 1
Grandville—C. J. Sonnema 1
Hastings—W. M. Puffer 1
Hastings Circuit—W. G. Rowland 2
Holland—R. C. Crawford...... 1
Irving—G. E. Hollister........ 1
Middleville—T. T. George..... 2
Muskegon—W. J. Aldrich. 4
Newaygo—sup. C. A. Cutler....
North Muskegon—J. Klose 1
Nunica—M M. Miner........ 1
Ravenna—sup. M. J. Brownell..
Rockford—J. W Horner 1
Sparta—A. J. Wheeler......... 3
Spring Lake—W. A. Frye 2
Wayland—J. E White 1
West Olive—sup C. W. Marshall 1

IONIA DISTRICT—A. P. Moors, P. E., 4.

Belding—William Judd.........1
Bowne—A. R. Keillon......... 2
Carson City—E. H. King...... 3
Coral—N. E. Gibbs........... 1
Crystal—M. A. Jacokes 1
Danby—J. W. Arney.......... 2
Edmore—O. J. Golden........ 2
Freeport—M B Townsend 1
Greenville—L. Grosenbaugh ... 3
Greenville Circuit—John Dobson 1
Hubbardston—Albert Smith.... 2
Ionia—A. M. Gould........... 2
Lake Odessa—sup. T. P. Bennett
Lakeview—H. R. Hawley 1
Langston—sup James Westbrook
Lowell—A. T. Luther......... 2
Lyons and Muir—T. H. Jacokes 3
Orange—F A. VanDeWalker... 1
Orleans—F. J Freeman........ 1
Palo—F. N. Janes............ 3
Portland—J. W. Hallenbeck.... 3
Saranac—J. A. Weyant.... .. 1
Sheridan—A. F. Nagler....... 3
Stanton—Charles Nease....... 1
Vergennes and Keene—sup Geo.
  A. Myers.................
Woodland—L. M. Garlick..... 3

LANSING DISTRICT—W. H. Thompson, P. E., 2.

Alma—J. W. Peach........... 1
Bath—W. A. Taylor 1
Breckenridge—A. O. Carman... 1
Charlotte—C. L. Barnhart 2
DeWitt—D. M. Ward.......... 1
Eagle—A. W. Burns.......... 1

Eaton Circuit—F. A. Sprague .. 1
Eaton Rapids—D. Engle...... 2
Elm Hall—sup. H. S. Hewes...
Elsie—G, L. Mount........... 3
Fowler—J. R. Bowen.......... 2
Grand Ledge—I. B. Tallman... 1
Gresham—Thomas Young..... 1
Ithaca—C. A. Jacokes......... 4
Lansing Central—M. M Callen. 4
Lansing First Church—W. M. Colby..................... 2
Maple Rapids and Greenbush—R. S. McGregor 1
Mason—L. DeLaMarter....... 3
Nashville—E. A. Tanner....... 1
Okemos—A. H. Sturgis........ 1
Ovid—P. J. Maveety..... 2
Potterville—Thomas Riley..... 2
St. Johns—A. D. Newton...... 3
St. Louis—A. F. Hart......... 1
Shepardsville—D. W. Fow..... 1
Sickles and Ashley—J. W. McAllister 2
Vermontville—J. H. Thomas... 2
Wacousta and Delta — A. E. North 1
Winfield—Robert Bramfitt..... 1

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—D. W. PARSONS, P. E., 1.

Ashton—sup. J. H. Strickland..
Big Rapids—J. W. Miller...... 1
Calkinsville and Isabella Indian Mission—E. L. Odle 1
Chase—sup. G. A. Scott. .....
Chippewa Lake-sup. F. D. Cargill
Clare—C. W. Smith........... 3
Coleman—George Killean 2
Crystal Valley—D. Ellsworth... 1
Evart—G. A. Odlum.......... 2
Farwell—S. C. Tiney.......... 2
Freesoil—sup. J. W. Perkins....
Fremont—sup. L. L. Tower....
Gladwin—J. A DeGraff....... 1
Harrison—sup J. H. Buttleman.
Hart—N. M. Steele 3
Hersey—W. J. Douglass....... 2
Hesperia—sup. J. W. Sheehan..
Holton—sup. J. O. Snider .....
Howard City—J. S. Montgomery 2
Luther—J. C. Beach 2
Ludington—
First Church—W. J. Maybee . 1
Fourth Ward and Buttarsville—sup. G. W. Wesselius.
Manistee—F. L. Thompson.... 1
Marion—sup. A. A Stephens...
Millbrook—sup. W. Earle......
Montague—S. C. Davis........ 1
Morley—E. F. Newell......... 2
Mt. Pleasant—R. S. Shorts..... 2
Paris—sup. R. C. Crane ....
Pentwater—A. H Coors 1
Pierson—E. Treadgold 1
Reed City—D. C Riehl 1
Sanford—C. H. Theobald 1
Scottville and Riverton Indian Mission—M. W. Snyder 1
Sherman City—To be supplied .
Shelby—W. L Laufman 1
Shepherd—E. L Sinclear...... 1
Stanwood and Altona—L. Aler. 1
Summit—H. D. Skinner....... 1
White Cloud—J H. Wilcox.... 1
Whitehall—G D. Chase....... 1

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT—G. W. SHERMAN, P. E., 2.

Alba—W. T. Belfry ....
Bear Lake—P. Whitman ......
Bellaire—J. Allen 2
Benzonia—S. N. Cornell .....
Boyne City—J. Burdge ....
Cadillac—J. K. Stark 1
Cadillac Circuit—O D. Watkins 2
Charlevoix—W. H. McCartney.
Clarion—to be supplied ....
Cross Village—Thomas Tindall. 1
East Jordan—G S. Robinson.. 1
Elk Rapids—A. J. Eldred...... 2
Fife Lake—D. A. Green....... 2
Frankfort—G. W. Howe....... 3
Harbor Springs—G. S. Barnes.. 2
Inland and Oviatt—E. Wood..
Ironton—D. P. Dorrance ......
Kalkaska—F. J. McKinley ....
Kingsley—William Moon......
Lake City—J. W. Steffe 1
Leroy—A. W. Bushee......... 1
Mackinaw City—to be supplied.
Mancelona—J. Gulick......... 2
Manton—W. Heath........... 1
Monroe Centre—to be supplied.
Northport—J. Eagle.......... 2
Northport Indian Mission—to be supplied..................
Norwood—B. H. Whitman.... 2
Petoskey—D. O. Ball.......... 2
Petoskey Indian Mission—to be supplied.................
Sherman—A. L. Thurston.....
Spencer Creek—E. G. Stevens.. 1
Stettsville—W. Z. Cole ....
Torch Lake—S. P. Hewitt..... 1
Traverse City—F. C. Lee...... 1
Traverse City Circuit—S. Steele
Williamsburg—C. N. Coulter...

J. C. Ambrose, Missionary to Nevada.
B. E. Paddock, Missionary to Nevada.

ANNIVERSARIES.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This anniversary preceded the opening of the Conference, and was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, St. Joseph, on Tuesday evening. Mrs. E. A. B. Hoag, of Albion, Corresponding Secretary of the Northwestern Branch, presided, and made an earnest address in which she explained the nature, scope and achievements of the work abroad.

Addresses were also delivered by Rev. A. P. Moors, Dr. D. F. Barnes, and Mrs. William Taylor.

The meeting was an interesting opening for the session of Conference.

BISHOP WILLIAM TAYLOR.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Probably no man in the Methodist connection so completely awakens the curiosity of the people as William Taylor, Bishop of Africa. The auditorium was crowded to overflowing, and hundreds of people were unable to gain admittance. Dr. John M. Reid, Honorary Secretary of the Missionary Society, presided.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. I. R. A. Wightman. The Conference choir, consisting of Revs. A. M. Gould and W. H. Thompson, Dr. M. M. Callen and Miss Elsie Shepherd, of Litchfield, with Miss Ruth Willoughby as organist on the new pipe organ, added not a little to this and all other evening gatherings during the Conference.

Bishop William Taylor was introduced by Dr. Reid at eight o'clock, and spoke in an earnest and instructive manner for an hour and a quarter. After mentioning many interesting facts concerning Africa, and his varied experiences over the world, he considered at some length the spiritual needs of the heathen, and the obligation to aid them, which rested upon the people of Christian countries. He cited the belief of the heathen, and their capacity for the reception of the gospel, showing that among them the idea of the separate existence of the soul hereafter is almost universal. A great deal of interest centered in this meeting.

THE EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Dr. C. W. Bennett, Professor in Garrett Biblical Institute, gave a thoughtful address on Thursday evening, to a fair sized audience at the Benton Harbor Methodist Episcopal Church, taking for his subject the theme: "Education." He discussed some of the advantages to be derived from the pursuit of the higher branches of knowledge. "The positive command of the Great Teacher is to love God with all our heart and strength, and in order to obey this command fully, we must develop all our strength of mind and character, so that we are under as great obligations to make the best of our lives, by mental culture, as we are to worship him in any other form of Christian living."

Rev. W. Gardner also addressed the meeting, in which he said: "A minister must be respected for his mental attainments no less than for his Christian character, or the effect of much of his work will be lost."

At the same hour of this meeting, the Church Extension Society held its anniversary in the St. Joseph Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. Graham presiding.

Bishop Merrill spoke briefly of the value of this society. He said the Conferences were classified as contributing—giving more than they received; self supporting—as using only what they raise; and beneficiary—as requiring more money than is raised within such Conference.

Dr. G. W. Gue, of Illinois Conference, was introduced, and made the principal address of the evening. The speaker directed attention to the marvelous growth of the Methodist Episcopal Church, stating that there were over 2,000,000 members, and 13,000 preachers, who exercise a controlling influence over 10,000,000 people. He stated that the Board of Church Extension has an aggregate fund of over $600,000. The interesting statement was made that the board has a list of three hundred and fifty seven men who have given $250 each, that sum building three hundred and fifty-seven churches worth $1,250 each. It was hardly to the credit of Michigan Conference that we were classed with the "Beneficiaries," referred to by the Bishop. However, the singing by the Conference choir, of "The Model Church," put everybody in the best of humor.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

This anniversary was held Friday evening, in the St. Joseph Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. James Hamilton presided.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts, from all sources, of $7,277.01, a gain of $514 over last year.

A. M. Gould, chairman of the Board of Stewards, reported sixty-eight persons claimants upon this Fund.

Washington Gardner then addressed the meeting. He spoke of the importance of this benevolent work; of the claim these faithful workers have upon our bounty. When we consider the manifold duties devolving on the clergy, it is a wonder that more do not go down to death or disability in early manhood. During the late war, it was the exposures and privations of the march and camp, that, more than the bullets of the adversary, filled the line of march with fresh graves. The speaker referred in terms of fitting eloquence to the brave and devoted recipients of a bounty that is justly due them, and depicted in a graphic manner the life of the clerical pioneers of Michigan. The greatest ingratitude is that of an undutiful child, and like unto that would be the ingratitude of the ministry if it neglected to take care of the needy fathers of the church.

Bishop Merrill addressed the meeting, confining his remarks to a consideration of the plan adopted by the last General Conference for a General Board of Conference Claimants. He expressed himself as decidedly opposed to the plan as presented, as did also Dr. John M. Reid, who followed him in a brief address.

The chairman, James Hamilton, said the Conference had fallen a little below the $10,000 this year, but it was the intention to secure that amount in 1888 and 1889.

Rev. W. I. Cogshall, one of the earliest and most earnest friends of this society, then spoke briefly in advocacy of the $10,000 line.

None will soon forget the song of the Conference choir, "We are slowly wandering down."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S METHODIST ALLIANCE.

At the same hour of this meeting, the Young People's Methodist Alliance held an enthusiastic meeting in the Benton Harbor Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted by Mrs. Jennie F. Willing, (sister of Bishop Fowler,) assisted by Harry Date, the Little Evangelist.

Mrs. Willing made the principal address of the evening. She said she believed the skepticism of the world to be rooted in the incongruities between the lives of Christians and their religion, and appealed to Christians to provide the remedy for this. She also made an earnest plea for the religion that endures the year around.

FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Perhaps the most important as well as the most interesting of the Conference anniversaries, was held by this society in the St. Joseph Methodist Episcopal Church, Saturday evening. The house was crowded to overflowing, and the audience settled itself for a good time, for Dr. J. C. Hartzell was to make the address of the evening, and when Hartzell speaks everybody listens. He not only has the root of the matter in him, but the blossom and the ripened fruit are plainly manifest. Humor, pathos, facts, figures, blood-hot characterized his inimitable address. The keynote is in this expression, "The Negro should be elevated and educated to give him the intellectual strengh to help and protect himself."

The meeting was fittingly closed by Dr. T. F. Iliff, of Salt Lake City, Superintendent of the Utah Missions.

Dr. Iliff is a notable example of an old-fashioned Methodist exhorter, and as his diction is of a forcible, flowery and lofty style, he fell upon his auditors, as it were, somewhat in the nature of an oratorial tempest, which held them spell-bound and enthusiastic by turns. He poured forth a torrent of well-worded sentences that left himself about breathless when he reached the climax and "brought down the house"—quite as much in admiration of his quaintly, brilliant style as in recognition of the matter of his thoughts. The substance of the address is that light is breaking on the Utah question; that the law against polygamy was being gradually enforced and the power of the Mormon priesthood broken; that the Christian schools are growing in numbers; that where a few years ago there were 200 Methodists there are now 600,000; that more preachers and teachers are wanted, and that there is an especial need of a Christian school for higher education in Utah, to found which Dr. Iliff stands personally pledged, and to secure funds for which is his present mission. The speaker paid a glowing tribute to the faithfulness of his wife, who has spent eighteen years of active and often arduous and perilous missionary life with him in the wilds of the West.

PREACHER'S SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY.

On Thursday occurred the annual meeting of the Preacher's Savings Fund Society.

At 10:30 the Conference took a recess, according to the custom on the second day, to allow the Preachers' Savings Fund Society to hold its annual session. This is a mutual benefit society for the members of the Conference physically competent and not over 45 years of age, who are acceptable to the society, on payment of $5 annual dues, and $2 on each death assessment.

President Aldrich, of Muskegon, assumed the chair.

Secretary DeLaMarter reported no deaths or assessments during the year. The society has lost eleven members by withdrawal or forfeiture, and has a present membership of 166. An insurance of $1,000 has been furnished the members at the average cost of $11.22.

Treasurer Barnes reported the state of the finances. The society had paid two death claims of the previous year. There is a reserve fund on hand of $1,328.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—W. J. Aldrich, Muskegon.

Vice-President—G. D. Lee, Hastings.

Secretary—L. De La Marter, Mason.

Treasurer—D. F. Barnes, Kalamazoo.

Trustees—W. H. Brockway, A. M. Gould, A. P. Moors, C. L. Burnhart, I. R. A. Wightman, L. M. Edmonds, W. M. Colby, H. D. Jordan, John Graham.

IN MEMORIAM.

Memorial services were held at the Methodist church in Benton Harbor Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock with devotional exercises. The church was full to overflowing, above and below, extra chairs being furnished for the aisles and rear and many remaining standing.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the singing by the church choir was fitting and appropriate.

Bishop S. M. Merrill, Rev. Dr. J. M. Reid, and Revs. A. A. Knappen, and T. A. Jacokes, occupied the platform.

Mr. Knappen read the obituary list in whose memory the services were held. He noted the death of Rev. Levi Tarr, a former member of the Conference, in California, of which telegraphic announcement was made the first day of the session.

Dr. J. M. Reid offered prayer.

Rev. L. Master, of Kalamazoo, read a memorial of the late James T. Robe, who died at Kalamazoo in December, 1887, in his 81st year. The memorial referred to the trials, services and devotion of the pioneers, to which class the deceased belonged, he having labored as a teacher and missionary in Indiana in 1830. He was appointed as minister at Kalamazoo in 1833, preaching the first sermon ever delivered in that city. In 1854, after labors elsewhere, he returned to Kalamazoo, and some years later was placed on the superannuated list. Other biographical facts were given and a high tribute paid to the deceased. The widow of Brother Robe died in Kalamazoo in May last, the memorial being partly devoted to her memory. The remains of both were buried at Indianapolis.

Rev. W. H. Thompson, Presiding Elder of the Lansing District, read a memorial on the late Lina Ann, wife of Rev. C. C. Olds, who died at her home in Lansing, on March 4, 1888, aged 63. Her husband has been president of Rock River, (Illinois,) Seminary, also a professor in Albion College. An insight into her fine character was given. She died after a wedded life of 47 years, leaving a venerable and honored husband and three children to mourn her loss.

Prayer was offered by Rev. T. H. Jacokes, and a solo was sung by Mr. R. A. Kneeland.

Rev. F. L. Thompson, of Big Rapids, read the obituary of Mrs. Laura

Tiney, wife of Rev. S. C. Tiney, who died April 16, 1888, at Farwell, Michigan, aged 22 years, 3 months, and 7 days. A beautiful tribute was paid to her home life.

Rev. C. L. Barnhart, of Charlotte, read a paper fittingly inscribed to the memory of Mrs. Mary T. Van Antwerp, wife of Rev. Charles T. Van Antwerp. She died in Mecosta county, Michigan, April 4, 1888, in her 55th year. The memorialist referred in meritorious terms to the faithfulness of ministers' wives in aiding materially the efficiency of ministers.

Rev. J. C. Floyd, of Big Rapids, read a memorial on the death of Mary, wife of Rev. John Beach, of Luther.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

Sunday evening at the St. Joseph Methodist church there was a very large congregation to hear the missionary address of Dr. J. O. Peck, of New York, General Secretary of the Missionary Board.

Every pew was full, chairs were placed along the aisles, and at the rear many stood up during the service.

L. DeLaMarter, of Mason, presided.

A fervent prayer was delivered by Dr. Reid.

Rev. M. M. Callen, a former pastor of the church here, sang a solo, the choir singing the refrain.

Treasurer Hathaway reported collections last year of $13,277.90, an increase of $1,024.54 over the previous year.

Rev. A. D. Newton, of St. Johns, addressed the meeting briefly and earnestly on the importance of missions, and the hopes of aid for benighted humanity that are expected to be realized in the nineteenth century.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, J. W. H. Carlisle; Vice President, D. W. Parsons; Secretary, D. C. Rhiel; Treasurer, W. J. Hathaway.

Dr. Peck's address was a zealous, logical and forcible appeal in behalf of foreign missions. He was glad to note the creditable increase of collections in this Conference; and dwelt long and earnestly upon the superlative and imperative duty towards the heathen, resting upon every true Christian, and the comparative paucity of the money offerings to this cause. He showed how the foreign missionary work blessed those who aided it; cited instances where churches had grown powerful proportioned to their generosity in this direction; contrasted the anti-missionary Baptists who have grown to 46,000 members in eighty years with the missionary Baptists of identical belief and church polity who have increased to 3,000,000 in the same time; and gave many other similar facts to substantiate his vigorous appeals.

REPORTS.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

It will be nineteen years in October next since the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was organized. At that time many feared that the contributions to this society would interfere with those made to the parent society, but experience has demonstrated that they have increased rather than diminished the funds raised for this purpose.

The Christian women who have been devoted to the mission of this society have manifested a greater interest in the various benevolences of the church.

The growth and development of the society, during the year ending October 20, 1887, has been unparalleled in its history.

The receipts for the year were $191,158.13—$24,059.28 more than was realized the preceding year.

The home work is now represented by 4,383 auxiliary societies, and 115,000 members, a large increase over the previous year. Its various fields have been thoroughly tilled. Bands have been organized among young people and children; Conference and district associations held, missionary literature scattered broadcast, and intelligence and zeal increased.

The society has collected since its organization $1,680,315 68.

It has real estate valued at $239,810.

May the blessing of God continue to rest upon this society and make it even a greater power for good throughout the world.

H. D. JORDAN,
J. WHITE,
B. W. WHITMAN.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

On July 30 your committee addressed a circular letter to each pastor of the Conference, in which they requested replies to ten leading questions, designed to give a correct idea of the true state of the church. Upon the information thus obtained this report is mainly based, although supplemented by diligent search and inquiry from other sources. Almost every charge in this large Conference reports conversions, not more than a dozen being left without that blessing. In some charges they reach into the hundreds, the aggregate being between eight and nine thousand souls. This has been mainly the result of the blessing of God upon the labors of pastors and people themselves. Scarcely one-eighth of the preachers have had special evangelistic help. It is found that with a few exceptions a much larger proportion of the reported converts are also reported as received into the church where there has been no evangelist, in some instances only one fourth of the number being reported as received. The number of conversions, however, is usually greater in such cases, so that the actual additions to the church may be larger in evangelist-assisted charges. It is with regret that we record not more than one-third or one-half of our people on the average as regular attendants at prayer meeting. On some charges a much smaller percentage is reported. The attendance at class meeting will average ten or twenty per cent. more than this, yet it is far too small. We believe the spiritual thermometer of a church is found in its prayer and class meetings, and we would urge that from the pulpit, in pastoral visitation, and by every possible means, you impress this duty upon our members. Some charges report no class leaders and no class meetings within their bounds. We are glad that the number is small, and hope it may decrease. When Methodism leaves the peculiar institutions which God has so signally blessed, she must expect to decline in power. We are a peculiar people, to whom God has given a special mission to be accomplished through peculiar institutions, and we ought not to leave our God-appointed work to gravitate toward the failures of the past

The pastors report the rule requiring abstinence from the harmful amusements enumerated in page 233, as pretty generally observed. In some instances there is laxity, and several pastors report some of their members as attending the horse race. We cannot be too outspoken in denouncing these devices of the Devil, and should consider wilfully repeated transgression as ground for discipline. We find that the rule requiring class leaders to visit members as specified in page 30, is almost wholly disregarded, and we would recommend that a day be devoted to the consideration of class leader's work, either in connection with the camp meeting, the ministerial association or some such gathering, and we advise pastors to call the special attention of leaders to the course of study prescribed for them by the last General Conference.

It is found, also, that less than one-half of our numbers have family worship, though on some charges the proportion is much larger. We deplore the great spiritual loss which must come to the church on this account. The family altar is a conservator of the best interests of the home, a tower of strength in the unity, harmony and brotherly love which it begets, and in the family will exert a never-to-be-forgotten influence upon the children, whose parents are faithful in this particular, and we would respectfully call upon every pastor from the pulpit, and by personal conversation in the homes, to lay "line upon line and precept upon precept," until we have a reform in this particular.

We also find that our church papers are not so well patronized as they ought to be. Some charges make a very good showing, reporting from three-fourths to nine-tenths of their members as regular readers, but others report one-fourth, one-fifth, and as low as one-tenth as the number. Judging from a careful consideration of all the reports submitted to us, we believe there must be over four hundred Methodist families in our Conference without one of our church papers, and we are of the opinion that to counteract the tide of pernicious, impure, and frivolous reading coming in upon us, to keep our people posted on the state of our beloved church, and to keep them loyal to her interests, we ought never to cease our efforts until every family is provided with religious and connectional literature.

Another fact which we deeply deplore, is that one week before Conference less than one-eighth of our preachers are able to give any adequate idea of the amount raised for all religious purposes on their various charges. We do not blame the preachers. There is a disposition on the part of too many of our people to leave everything financial until the very last part of the year; a fact which means embarrassment to the pastor, and loss to the church. In one charge of this Conference, when the amount required at the beginning of this Conference year for all purposes was stated, the officials at once said it could not be met. But it was divided into weekly installments on the disciplinary plan, and more than met with ease. We ought through word and influence, and through the religious press, to do all in our power to get our people to do the financial work of the church on business principles, and with the promptness and diligence of successful business men. We record with gratitude the fact that our contributions for benevolences this year will be larger than ever before, reaching over $26,000. We rejoice that throughout our Conference the doctrine of Perfect Love is presented with increased zeal, enthusiasm and clearness, and that hundreds are coming into the blessed experience.

The plan of holding camp and tent meetings, now so general throughout our bounds, is to be commended, and we are grateful that we have an instrumentality which enables us to draw together large crowds of people for religious work; and to lead hundreds of souls to Christ during the busy summer season. The Young Peoples' Methodist Alliance, and the State Band, are doing royal work within the church in arousing our young people to christian activity, and teaching them to become soul-winners. Our membership has shown a healthy increase. Our pastors have proved themselves devoted men, and while we give thanks for the victories of the past year, we are of the opinion that if the suggestions of this report are received and acted upon in the spirit in which they are offered, we shall have grander victories still in the year to come.

GEORGE L. HAIGHT,
THOMAS NICHOLSON,
WARREN W. LAMPORT,
D. W. PARSONS,
E. H. KING.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

In twenty-one years the Freedmen's Aid Society has expended, in the work of Christian education in the South, $2,094,099.46.

The present value of the property owned by the society in the South is fully $1,000,000. This includes lands—some of which have increased in value—school buildings, furniture and libraries.

More than one hundred thousand students have been in the various schools, and a reasonable estimate is that the preachers and teachers in public and private schools, from among this multitude, have had under their influence fully one million of the youth and adults of the South. No words can adequately express the far reaching and glorious results already achieved, and yet to flow, from this ever-widening current of intellectual and moral power.

Twenty-two institutions, with one hundred and twenty-four teachers, and 4,506 students, have been maintained the past year among the colored people.

Fifteen institutions, with eighty teachers and 1,945 students, among the whites, have received aid.

The Gamman School of Theology, at Atlanta, has in attendance fifty young men pursuing a regular course in theology. In addition to those at Gamman, more than three hundred are studying for the ministry in the Biblical department of other institutions.

The Mehany Medical College, at Nashville, Tennessee, is rapidly developing into a first-class medical school. Nearly one hundred graduates have already been sent out, and, with few exceptions, are making excellent records as practitioners. Connected with Mehany College is a successful and well attended School of Dentistry.

Industrial schools have come to be an important and very promising part of the work of the society. The plan is to make these schools self-sustaining. Several schools of carpentry, blacksmithing, printing, agriculture, wagon and carriage making, et cætera, are now in successful operation in connection with our leading institutions.

To more fully express the work of the society among both colored and white people in the South, the last General Conference directed that the corporate name of this society should be so modified as to read: "Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society." This modification of name has been legally effected. It is important that the Pastors speak of this change to their people, so that those contemplating leaving bequests to the society may use the proper name. All donors of funds to the society can designate to which use their gifts are to go, if they so desire

The General Conference approved the policy of the society, which declares that there shall be no exclusion from any school aided by the society, on account of race, color, or previous condition.

The establishment and maintenance of institutions among both colored and white people in the South were heartily approved.

The society received last year—ending July 1, 1888—from all sources, $172,514.65. Of this amount, $86,168.86 came from Conference collections.

The past twenty years of work, successful as they have been, can only be regarded as laying the foundation for larger work and greater growth in the future. The grandchildren of our present Negro population will number 50,000,000.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, in the providence of God, has fallen heir to an immense responsibility in giving Christian leadership to those multitudes who will soon dwell on American soil. Our Church has over 200,000 white communicants in the South. The masses of these, with their families, are poor, and greatly need aid in developing institutions for the education of preachers and teachers.

Your committee would most respectfully recommend that Michigan Conference cordially accept the quarter million line. And, as Pastors, we pledge ourselves to faithfully present this cause to our people, and urge upon them the duty of meeting our apportionment.

J. W. HALLENBECK,
J. F. ORWICK,
E. B PATTERSON,
T. H. JACOKES,
J. T. IDDINGS.

EDUCATION.

Education is a relative accomplishment, differing in grade in different ages and countries Time was when he who availed himself of the simple arts of reading and writing, was hailed among his fellows as a highly educated man—remarkably distinguished for proficiency in science and art—but in these days of literature and refinement, he who can do no more than to read and write, would gain celebrity as a fool if he ventured to boast of his literary and scientific attainments. An education now means more than a mastery of the rudimentary branches.

A man educated only in the common schools may as well consider himself as only partially educated. Theoretical education is not supposed to be complete until the student has finished his common school course, high school course, university course, and a post graduate course

But intellectual training is only part of a thorough education. Man has a heart as well as an intellect. That education is primarily defective which esteems the intellect alone. Virtue, morality and religion are essential elements of a perfect character, and without them the student is not fully equipped for the noblest life work.

Schools are for learning, and learning is for life. All concepts of education which sink the human in the scholastic, and make scholarship the end of life, are false and mischievous. Life is the end of scholarship We educate our children that they may know how to live, and make the most of their opportunities. We send them to the school that that which is best and truest and most capable in them may be developed, directed and trained for conquest in the battle of life.

Knowledge should equip—not burden—not palsy the natural faculties. Of one of the non-jurists, Lord McCauley has said that "he had perused innumerable volumes in various languages, and had indeed acquired more learning than his slender faculties were able to bear. The small intellectual spark that he possessed was put out by the fuel." Such an education is of no advantage; it is not an education. Our colleges will do a more perfect work in that golden period yet to come, when they shall study the organization, temperaments, adaptations and mental aptitudes of students, and shape the training in its final finish at least to these personal traits. Knowledge is power when it is useful knowledge, and a part of the knowledge of the schools should be knowledge of how to use knowledge. In no other way can learning and life be made to correlate, and scholarship prove to be the best means to its own proper end—the truest living and the noblest doing.

True, education gives right direction to the moral impulses, and equips humanity for the worthiest work. There are no moral elements in mental discipline alone, and hence there is no prospect of moral elevation from the mere acquisition of knowledge. By common consent the schools of Europe afford a more perfect linguistic, aesthetic culture than those of America, but the morality of Europe is not superior to ours. In Germany and France a moral malaria is pervading society. In England the partial uncovering of social vice in a single city recently horrified the world. In all the European centers of fashion, according to the best authority, a voluptuous refinement veils the grossest immorality under simulations of delicacy, if not under the sanction of law, and licenses vice herself if only robed in the semblance of propriety. To offend against fashion is more than to break the ten commandments, and luxurious vice has less to fear than open vulgarity! Burk's aphorism that "vice loses half its evil by losing all its grossness!" is by many regarded as true. America is fast imbibing this Satanic sentiment, and unless something is done to check the evil, the next generation or two may find itself involved in social guilt as deep as that of Paris to-day, as damnable as that of Sodom of old. Even now among us we may catch a glimpse of the effects of the popular idea that intellectual refinement is a goal of human endeavor, no matter what the moral order. Our large cities are conspicuous centers of education and refinement, and they are likewise the great nurseries of vice and crime. Superior culture can not save the people from the terrible inroads of sin. Scholasticism does not purify the heart. Education did its best for Athens, yet Athens was wholly given to idolatry. The religious element must mingle with the educational, in order to lift the people to a high moral plane. Our hope for the future centers in the cross. Let our leaders be men and women of trained intellects and converted hearts, exhibiting to the world a just equipoise of the moral and intellectual, pure in motive, righteous in life, cultured in bearing, devout in spirit and energetic in work, and by the blessing of God the next generation will witness a true advancement.

We rejoice in the knowledge that already in our beloved land there are many institutions whose sole aim is to produce this ideal culture, and aid the church in her effort to save the world. Nearly all the higher educational resources of the country are under Christian influence or control. Of the 35,000 students in the 370 colleges and universities of the United States, eighty per cent. are in denominational colleges, and eighty per cent. of these are evangelical. There are also many seminaries and private schools where a higher education of the best type is being imparted. It is probably safe to estimate that in all the advanced educational institutions under Christian auspices, there are not fewer than 175,000 persons acquiring an education. This is an augury of good.

In Michigan we depend chiefly on Albion college for the higher training of our Methodist youth. It is centrally located, beautifully situated, quite amply equipped, passibly well endowed, up to the times, and squarely in harmony with the genius and spirit of Methodism. It has an extended curriculum, an able faculty, and a growing roster of students. Its future is assured. Our people will patronize it, and our men of wealth will more amply endow it. We must all pray more for it, give more to it, depend more upon it, and expect more from it. There is no reason why it should not speedily take first rank among America's universities. As supplementary to Albion, especially in the training of young ministers, we point with pride to Garrett Biblical Institute, and Boston School of Theology. Both institutions are a credit to the church. So likewise the noble Northwestern University.

We appreciate the many excellent features of our State University, and our splendid system of common schools, but we deplore the prevalent tendency to divorce popular education from religious training., The original common school in America was not a godless one. Massachusetts produced it in 1642, and it was strictly a church school, in charge of an orthodox minister, and the children were taught the doctrines of the Christian faith. America has drifted since then, and the drift has scarcely been in the right direction A purely secular system of education is not in accord with what is best in our history.

Nor does it promise the best for the future. Our youth should be trained in all the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship. A university should instruct in all branches, train all the nobler faculties, and teach something in everything, if not everything in something.

And if the State maintains a university for the complete training of our youth, it should see that the said university fulfill its mission.

There is one other educational interest which we would not lose sight of. In the election of the General Conference of a Secretary for the Board of Education, and the putting of this important department of Christ's work on equality with other great connectional agencies, we recognize wise and conservative progress.

The beneficial influence of children's day observance, and the contributions that result, can scarcely be overestimated.

We recommend that increasing attention be given to the proper observance of this day, and we urge that in view of the demand upon our educational fund, no part of the offerings of the schools or people be used for local expenses attending the celebration, but that the entire amount be turned over to the proper fund.

Your committee would recommend for members of the Board of Trustees of Albion College, Hon. H. E. Staples, and W. H Brockway. For members of the Board of Managers, Rev. J. A. Sprague, N L. Bray, M. J. Bigelow, of Kalamazoo, and W. P. Sidnam, of Hastings.

For visitors to Albion College, James Hamilton and Robert Shorts.

For visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute, George L. Haight and W. M. Puffer.

For Trustee of Northwestern University, J. I. Buell.

JAMES H. POTTS,
W. J. ALDRICH,
D. C. RIEHL,
D. CRONK,
W. J. MAYBEE.

Bible Cause.

We discover in the Bible the source of all useful knowledge, the foundation of all good government, the fountain of all true joy, the light and power of all devout Christian lives. It inspires to acts of benevolence, love and charity. All true moral reform builds upon its deeply laid foundations of truth. Protestant Religion continues to spread and deepen in the lives of Christians, and the heart of nations as the abiding tokens of its value and power. The Bible removes doubt, dispels fear, turns the tide of contest, brings victory out of defeat, and gloriously triumphs over wrong.

It is made the word of power and authority, it speaks and millions hear, obey and gladly follow its councils.

We behold in the Word the most sublime utterances, the most profound truth, the most perfect and safe guide man can follow. We live in an age of great human progress, all forces are being utilized to advance material and spiritual improvement. The church seeks to spread broadcast the word of life and is grandly prosecuting the work. To do this it has a providential agent and colaborer—the American Bible Society. It came to our rescue when our brightest hopes were blighted and fondest and most promising prospects were smouldering in ruins. Its grants of bibles, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars, its manifest willingness to co-operate with the church, its selection of Methodists to its highest stations of trust and confidence, are tokens of its fidelity and attachment to our own work which ought most heartily to be reciprocated by the church. In view of this, we most heartily endorse the action of the last General Conference—affirm that the American Bible Society deserves the hearty endorsement of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is made indispensable in our foreign fields, while at home its faithful colportuers are sowing the infallible word broadcast. We urge a hearty response from all our charges, and recommend that each Methodist Episcopal Minister lay the case clearly before his people. Let there be an uplift in the cause—swell the amount raised for this branch of our benevolent work.

We find a deficiency in our collections this year over last of $17. Last years' offerings aggregated $457; this year, $440. Over against these returns the cause is calling more loudly than ever. Nothing but an earnest effort, a constant devotion, a faithful presentation of this cause to the people, will fulfill the desired end.

G. A. Buell,
Wm. Colby,
J. W. Davids,
A. N. Eldred,
Wm. Denman.

TEMPERANCE.

In the year 1824, when the agitation of temperance was yet in its infancy, Daniel Webster said: "Moral causes come into consideration in proportion as the progress of knowledge is advanced; and the public opinion of the civilized world is rapidly gaining an ascendency over mere brutal force. It is already able to oppose the most formidable obstruction to the progress of injustice and oppression. Until this be propitiated or satisfied it is vain for power to talk either of triumph or repose."

The application of these observations to the general subject of temperance occasions profound thankfulness.

Certainly the friends of progressive temperance find abundant cause for congratulation in the marvelous development of temperance sentiment in America. There is the glow and inspiration of a revival in the universal uprising of thought which affects all classes and conditions of society, and the positive character of this public sentiment, as expressed in the great gatherings of the people, and the determined, even aggressive, attitude of modern temperance reform, encourage the hope that "the day of our redemption draweth nigh."

A noticeable feature of this universal and rapidly increasing public sentiment, is the ease with which barriers of immemorial use, and prejudice sounding in partisanship and denominational zeal, are removed. Within the year this mighty public sentiment has voiced its will through the public press, from the sacred desk, in State and National legislatures and courts, in all of the great representative bodies of Christians assembled in council; in those other gatherings where platforms are constructed, and political parties are straining for power. In executive chambers it has asserted its right to be heard. It has furnished an important factor for conversation and discussion in home, office and workshop, until it may be asserted that nowhere in America can a person be found who has not contributed in some degree to swell the volume of American public sentiment on this important question.

Doubtless the cause for this determined stand, and popular sentiment, lies in the fact that with the continuance of the liquor traffic, and the aggressive movement so potentially operated by its centralized power and systematized methods, the public mind has become suspicious of the power, and aroused to the danger threatening society, by such an organized conscienceless evil in the midst of our American civilization. While the drunkard's wife, the drunkard's children, and the drunkard's home, have not been so much the subject for discussion as formerly, has it not been because the point of public view has shifted from the drunkard to the drunkard maker; from the individual cursed, to the traffic which curses him; from the person affected to the well fare of the state. Is it not true that the evils which affect the person have been hidden behind immeasurably vaster evils which threaten the purity of home, the safety of society, and the prosperity of the nation. The demands of this business made upon American capital and labor, and upon political and social aggregations, are perceived by the American mind, as an unendurable menace to American liberty and safety. Such demands assume the proportions, and have in them the prophesy of a public calamity.

It may also be said that the position assumed by the church, in this struggle, has had much to do with the growth of this mighty public sentiment, upon which we are congratulating ourselves. So aggressive has been the policy of this evil, so mightily is it intrenched in the financial and political combinations of the land, and, withal, so lawless, and law defying, that Christian ministers have felt it the call of God to not only denounce it from the sacred desk, but to pursue it into the mysteries of commercial transactions, and political organizations. Such discussion from the pulpits and religious press could not fail of arousing public sentiment to the evils of a traffic which wastes at its source a people's prosperity, and corrupts at their fountain the vital currents of a nation's life.

In this excited condition of public sentiment, with profound thankfulness, we may say with Webster: "Until this is propitiated or satisfied it will be in vain for power to talk either of triumph or repose" So far as the church can be heard in this uprising there is but one sentiment uniting all denominations in a common cause, and that sentiment is, "The saloon must go."

In the sacred name of her high mission the Church demands it on behalf of a burdened, struggling race, for whose redemption she is constituted among men. But this demand she no longer makes of the saloon. On the filthy floors of the bar-room, and on foul streets at the doorways to saloons, the sacred motherhood of the church has pitifully kneeled for the last time appealing for help. The church demands it, not of the saloon, but of the law that makes the saloon. The State in her sovereign capacity for every industry within her borders, must either protect or prohibit. In the name of a consecrated ministry, and a mission devoted to the welfare of the distressed; in the name of the Christ crucified for these, and in the name of a government instituted in the holy cause of liberty, the church demands that this government cease protecting the saloon by the baneful system of revenue and license laws, and forever prohibit this traffic within our borders. And why should not the church make this demand?

To protect the traffic is to prohibit the church; to protect the church is to prohibit the traffic—"for these are contrary the one to the other." And the demand for the prohibition of the liquor traffic is but another form of appeal for protection for those things which the traffic opposes: the church, the home, the school. It is a maxim of government that protection is the complement to loyalty—and has not the church been loyal? In what stress of this nation has the church ever faltered? She has stood like a bulwark against foreign aggression, and lawlessness at home, and when the hour for her sacrifice came, her pulpits were deserted, her churches disseminated, her altars made desolate, and dismantling her sacred shrine to adorn the nation's cause, her praying sons fell into step with the long lines hastening to the defense of American liberty. Her disciples have not been found among the lawless, the anarchist, the criminal. And for that loyalty so well attested, the church demands protection in her high mission by the prohibition of that traffic which opposes the mission of the church, and is at once lawless and disloyal. Around the industries of this land the State throws her protecting arms. The revenue cutter, the custom officers, the courts and sheriff stand guard over every mill, factory and farm, protecting the business of the nation. Our business is forming and establishing character; our business is moulding and fashioning hearts and minds for the highest possible American use, and for eternity. For that business so beneficent in its character, so essential for American prosperity, American honor, and American safety, the church demands protection from the government.

Around our altars of worship we demand the protection of the State for freedom to worship God. About the sacred desk we demand the protection of the State that the truth may accomplish that whereunto it is sent, without the menace of the saloon. At the portals of the church we demand the protection of the State, that man rescued from sin within her hallowed walls, may remain secure without fearing the cruel molestation of the saloon.

This is the sentiment your committee recognize as abroad in the land. This the sentiment that finds its inspiration in the cross, its exponents in the devoted followers of Christ, and its secure refuge in the hearts of all those who seek first and above all other things the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Until this sentiment, born of righteousness and nurtured in sacrifice, shall be propitiated by the utter legal prohibition of the liquor traffic; until this sentiment, consecrated at Christian altars by the baptism wherewith Christ was baptized, shall be satisfied by the unconditional repeal of every law which licenses for a revenue consideration, this iniquitous traffic, it will be in vain for power to boast its empty triumphs, and equally vain for it to seek repose. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. While disclaiming all connection with political action or measures, we would declare ourselves unequivocally in favor of the entire suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and that it is the duty of all Christian men and women to use every legitimate means to accomplish this result.

2. Sustaining as our proper attitude, uncompromising opposition to the liquor traffic, we are unalterably opposed to the enactment of all laws that propose to regulate it, nor will we permit ourselves to be controlled by party organizations that are managed in the interest of this soul destroying business.

JAMES W. REID,
GEORGE B. KULP,
H. S. BARGELT,
A. D. NEWTON,
JOHN GRAHAM.

STEWARDS.

Received from the Conference Treasurers	$7,443 87
Collection for G. E. Matthews	82 26
Parkhurst Fund	18 55
Total	$7,544 68

Disbursed and distributed as follows:

Postage, stationery, et cetera	$ 4 00
Exchange	3 55
Conference Claimants' committee for printing cards, postage, et cetera	35 60
Cash on hand (for postage)	2 77
To Claimants	7,498 76
Total	$7,544 68

To Claimants severally:

Charles Austin	$ 20 00	Mrs. Laura Bronson	$ 111 50
Mrs. William Ball	129 00	Mrs. David Burns	111 50
Rev. A. C. Beach	111 00	Rev. J. W. Cawthorne	120 00
Rev. Isaac Bennett	148 00	Mrs. M. B. Camburn	50
Rev. F. B. Bangs	148 00	Mrs. E. C. Chambers	148 50
Rev. L. M. Bennett	37 00	Mrs. E. H. Childs	148 50
Mrs. E. Beard	111 50	Rev. Thomas Clark	148 00
Mrs. Rosina Bignall	111 50	Mrs. Elizabeth Cleghorn	74 50
Mrs. V. G. Boynton	148 50	Rev. R. C. Crawford	148 00
Mrs. J. Boynton	74 50	Mrs. T. J. Congdon	74 50
Rev. N. L. Brockway	150 00	Mrs. A. L. Crittenden	50

Mrs. E. H. Dissette	$ 148 50	Mrs. William McKnight	$ 50
Mrs. B. F. Doughty	37 50	Rev. E. Marble	111 00
Mrs. William Doust	111 50	Rev. H. Morgan	148 00
Rev. A. A. Dunton	74 00	Mrs. Matilda Mount	111 50
Mrs. W. W. Elder	115 00	Rev. G. E. Matthews	230 26
Mrs. N. Fassett	111 50	Mrs. Stephen Nelson	125 00
Mrs. W. S. Foster	70 00	Rev. C. C. Olds	148 00
Mrs. D. D. Gillett	148 00	Mrs. William H. Perrine	125 00
Mrs. J. P. Force	111 50	Mrs. G. A. Phillips	148 50
Mrs. G. L. Gilbert	100 00	Rev. J. H. Pitezel	148 00
Rev. Francis Glass	148 00	Rev. B. S. Pratt	74 00
Mrs. A. T. Gray	74 50	Rev. J. H. Richards	74 00
Rev. L. J. Griffin	111 00	Mrs. J. W. Robinson	148 50
Mrs. J. Greenstead	111 50	Rev. I. H. Skinner	37 00
Mrs. H. Hall	$ 25 00	Mrs. M. I. Smith	148 50
Rev. D. S. Haviland	148 00	Mrs. E. A. Staples	74 50
Rev. J. S. Harder	74 00	Rev. S. Steele	148 00
Rev. G. S. Hicks	74 00	Rev. I. Taylor	111 00
Rev. J. W. Hallowell	74 00	Rev. C. T. VanAntwerp	111 00
Rev. John Hills	25 00	Mrs. A. J. VanWyck	92 00
Rev. C. H. Howe	111 00	Rev. A. Wakefield	90 00
Rev. John Hoyt	111 00	Mrs. Mary A. Wilson	74 50
Rev. G. W. Hoag	148 00	Rev. S. C. Woodard	148 00
Mrs. Joseph Jennings	111 50	Mrs. Mary Worthington	111 50
Mrs. G. B. Jocelyn	148 50		

Respectfully,

A. M. GOULD, *Chairman.*

MISSION AUDITING.

Your committee has found the accounts of the Presiding Elders for the charges having missionary appropriations correct.

E. H. DAY,
O. P. GOLDEN,
L. S. MATHEWS.

PARSONAGES.

Your committee on Parsonages and Furniture believe it to be a great advantage to the church, and especially to the pastors and their families, to have parsonages on all the pastoral charges.

1. Because where there is no parsonage, the pastor in coming to the work often finds it quite difficult to get a suitable house, in a desirable locality, especially so, if he needs one that has a barn with it.

2. Because where there is a parsonage the pastor, as a rule, will get just as much salary besides the rental value of the house and barn, as he would in all, where he has to pay rent.

3. For these and other reasons, which might be assigned, we, as a committee, recommend to our people the building or purchasing of suitable homes for the pastors, on all our charges, as far as possible.

4. We would also suggest, that it might be well to have some architectural plan, by which we can secure more uniformity in the size and form of the rooms of the parsonages, which we are now building. As everyone must know that there is considerable expense and loss, in fitting carpets to the rooms of different sizes and shapes, as we find them in going from house to house.

5. We would also recommend to our people, that they do, as far as possible, furnish their parsonages with all the heavy furniture, and thereby save the cost of its transportation, and the damage done to it at the same time, which is no small matter.

A. HUNSBERGER,
W. R. STINCHCOMB,
M. W. F. SMITH,
JAMES WEBSTER.

MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions recommend appropriations as follows:

ALBION DISTRICT.

Haven Church	$ 50 00
Cooper Street	50 00
Eden	30 00
	$ 130 00

COLDWATER DISTRICT.

Osseo	$ 75 00
Burlington	100 00
	$ 175 00

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Goblesville	$ 150 00
Richland	50 00
Douglass	50 00
Millgrove	24 00
Kendall	22 00
	$ 296 00

NILES DISTRICT.

Breedsville	$ 100 00
Mattawan	40 00
Galien	50 00
Lawton	28 00
	$ 218 00

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Grand Haven	$ 200 00
North Muskegon	200 00
Newaygo	55 00
	$ 455 00

IONIA DISTRICT.

Belding	80 00
Hubbardston	60 00
Crystal	36 00
	$ 176 00

LANSING DISTRICT.

Fowler	95 00
Sickles	95 00
Breckenridge	40 00
	$ 230 00

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Ashton	60 00
Chase	100 00
Chippewa Lake	50 00
Coleman	80 00
Farwell	100 00
Fresoil	100 00
Fremont	100 00
Gladwin	100 00
Harrison	100 00
Hersey	80 00

Hesperia	100 00
Howard City	100 00
Ludington—Fourth Ward	100 00
Paris	50 00
Pentwater	140 00
Sanford	80 00
Stanwood and Altona	60 00
White Cloud	100 00
Scottville	40 00
Marion	100 00
Summit	60 00
	$1,800 00

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Traverse City		100 00
Traverse City Circuit		75 00
Norwood		100 00
Bear Lake		75 00
Benzonia		85 00
Frankfort		75 00
Cadillac Circuit		85 00
Manton		100 00
Lake City		100 00
Kalkaska		175 00
Mancelona		100 00
Alba		80 00
Clarion		75 00
Elk Rapids		200 00
Bellaire		180 00
East Jordan		100 00
Cross Village		75 00
Harbor Springs		200 00
Spencer Creek		70 00
Stittsville		80 00
Mackinaw City		50 00
Ironton		25 00
Torch Lake		40 00
District		275 00
Total		$2,520 00
Northport Indian Mission	$ 100 00	
Petoskey Indian Mission	100 00	
Elk Rapids Indian Mission	50 00	
District	100 00	
Total for Indian Missions		$350 00
Total for White and Indian Missions		$2,870 00

INDIAN WORK.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Nottaway and Bradley Indian Mission	$ 40 00

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Riverton Indian Mission	$ 60 00
Calkinsville Indian Mission	150 00
District	100 00
	$ 310 00

I concur in the above missions and appropriations.

S. M. MERRILL.

YOUNG PEOPLES' METHODIST ALLIANCE, NO. 1.

Resolved, That the following persons be appointed a committee to consider the propriety of organizing a "Conference Young Peoples' Methodist Alliance," namely: M. M. Callen, E. H. King, J. V. Clancy, I. R. A. Wightman.

Signed: L. M. EDMONDS,
F. L. THOMPSON,
W. H. THOMPSON,
GEORGE B. KULP,
W. I. COGSHALL.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S METHODIST ALLIANCE NO. 2.

Your committee, appointed to consider the propriety of organizing a Conference Young People's Methodist Alliance, report that they have duly considered the subject, and recommend the organization of such alliance,* and that Rev. M. D. Carrell be given the first five minutes to present the matter to the Conference.

Your committee further recommends that in case such alliance be effected the following constitute the officers:

President—J. W. Hallenbeck.
Vice-President—J. E. Arney.
Secretary—F. L. Thompson.
Treasurer—L. De La Marter.

M. M. CALLEN.
E. H. KING,
J. V. CLANCY.

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* Under the constitution suggested by the General Executive committee.

Conference Course of Studies.

Your committee has given attention to the matter placed in their hands, and respectfully submit for your consideration the following report:

In attempting to weigh the matter of the relative value of written and of oral examinations, for candidates pursuing the Conference course of study, we have been led to consider the design, nature and importance, of the religious and theological training that the church requires of, and attempts to furnish all candidates for her ministry.

The earlier method of placing younger preachers under the oversight and instruction of those who were older, and more experienced in the administration of church discipline and the presentation of Bible doctrine, was a system that made it possible to send into the field well-qualified workers, and preserved a unity of doctrine and method, as well as spirit of work, that has made our church an exception of homogeneity among the evangelical churches of the world.

Practically this system no longer exists, and the supervision and instruction of Presiding Elders, is not so well adapted, and does not, in fact, fill its place.

We have, however, preserved the preliminary examination, and the four years course of study, with the annual examination.

This course of study for all candidates, affords a theological and ecclesiastical training of great importance in the maintaining of the usages and doctrines of the church. Each annual Conference is therefore a theological seminary for the training of the ministry, harmonious in doctrine and efficient in administration.

It is evident, therefore, that the work of examination committees, through these years, is one of very great importance to the church. They are not simply inquisitors, but must be instructors as well. Therefore, great wisdom and care should be exercised in the selection of these committees, and their methods of conducting the examinations at the seat of Conference, should not only secure good evidence of the thoroughness of the examined, in the required studies, but should add such instruction as will be most helpful to those who are to go out to be representatives of our church in its doctrines and spirit.

The examination is therefore a school; the examiners are instructors as well as examiners. With this view of the purpose and needs of the church, in these examinations, your committee would suggest:

That each committee magnify the importance of their work, and thoroughly prepare for the work assigned them.

That a larger portion of time be given to these examinations, and the faithful performance of the required work.

That a portion of each examination consist of written replies, to written questions, upon the studies prescribed by the church.

That those examinations, especially which have to do with matters of doctrine and discipline, shall be conducted, in part, at least, as oral examinations or reviews, wherein instruction shall be considered of as much importance as the examination itself.

We suggest the propriety of continuing committees found to be experienced and efficient in the discharge of their duties, for at least a term of years; having the examination of successive classes for the same year of the prescribed course, as instructors have departments in our seminaries.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HALLENBECK,
E. L. KELLOGG,
W. J. SWIFT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

In adopting the report of the committee on Conference Claimants a year ago, you asked the Michigan Annual Conference to raise $10,000 for its claimants in 1888. Your committee regarded your instructions and issued the rallying cry, "$10,000 for Conference Claimants, and never a blank." Through some misunderstanding, or oversight, the Presiding Elders at their meeting, assessed a less sum on their districts. This action, doubtless, affected unfavorably the great advance we had hoped to make. We are glad, however, to report, that, notwithstanding this drawback, and the pressure of the hardest times we have known for years, we have made a gratifying advance, demonstrating anew, that this claim lies very near the hearts of our people. Thus encouraged, we confidently renew the appeal for $10,000. Let us have that amount in 1889. We believe our people will cheerfully respond to this call, if this subject is placed properly before them.

We cannot close this report without expressing thanks to our brethren, and gratitude to God, for the great advance made in these latter years for the support of our superannuates. This improvement is seen, not only in our own Conference, but a movement along the line, as shown in General Conference Legislation, and the appropriation of $100,000 for this cause from the profits of the Book Concern in 1889. As, perhaps no Conference has contributed more to this awakening than the Michigan Conference, and no individual more than our worthy Secretary, Rev. J. W. Reid, it affords us great pleasure to learn that his name has been mentioned favorably for the Secretaryship of the new Board, created by the last General Conference to better provide for our Conference Claimants.

Returning thanks to our brethren for their faithfulness to this sacred cause, and to the agents of the Book Concern, and the Methodist Publishing Company, for their liberal donations, we unite in asking for $10,000 in 1889.

JAMES HAMILTON,
C. L. BARNHART,
J. W. H. CARLISLE,

CASE OF WILLIAM HANSOM.

ST. JOSEPH, September 7, 1888.

The "select number" of the Michigan Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, appointed to consider the certain charges preferred by Rev. Willard Heath, against William Hansom, have heard the testimony offered to sustain said charges, and also that offered in defense of the accused, and have heard the counsel on both sides, as they desired. They then most conscientiously considered the case in private, and with the following result:

Under the first charge, namely, "Immoral Conduct", the following specifications were sustained, namely, the first, the second, and the third, except so much as relates to strolling on the evening of September 8, 1888, and it was voted that the specifications sustain the charge of immoral conduct.

Under the second charge, "Lying", the following specifications were sustained, namely, the first, the second, the third, and the fourth, and it was voted that the specifications sustain the charge of lying.

Under the third charge, the first and second specifications were sustained, and it was voted that the specifications sustain the charge of "Dissension and Disobedience to the order and rules of the church." It was then

Resolved, That William Hansom be, and hereby is, expelled from the membership and ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

L. M. EDMONDS,
L. S. MATTHEWS,
E. V. ARMSTRONG,
EDWIN TENCH,
H. D. JORDAN,
LOUIS GROSENBAUGH,
C. L. BARNHART,
H. R. HAWLEY,
JAMES BERRY,
A. T. FERGUSON,
J. WHITE,
GEORGE D. LEE,
O. E. WIGHTMAN,
R. S. MCGREGOR,
J. M. REID, Chairman.
Select Committee.

Sanctity of the Sabbath.

Your committee on Sanctity of the Sabbath would respectfully report as follows:

We have called attention, from year to year, in our annual reports, to the growing tendency toward the secularization of God's day of rest and worship. Whether we have done any more than this to avert or stay the evil, your committee has no means of knowing. Certain it is that if the public conscience is to be aroused to the evils that must come from the neglect and perversion of the Sabbath, something more than the passage of an annual resolution must be done.

Most of the parties who persistently violate the Sabbath in the interest of pleasure or profit, never hear of our strong resolutions denouncing, condemning and calling upon them to mend their ways.

We must do more than resolve. We must speak and act. We must bring the subject to the bar of public opinion, as we do all other questions of importance. We must *agitate* until the public conscience is aroused from its drowsy lethargy.

There must be "line upon line, precept upon precept, line upon line and precept upon precept," in a persistent, plain and courageous presentation of demand and command alike of God and nature for a day of rest and quiet worship, free from the distracting and disturbing influences of business and pleasure.

Your committee would recommend as follows:

1. That the evil of Sabbath perversion be given greater prominence in our pulpit ministrations.

2. That we discountenance and discourage, by precept and personal example, all Sunday newspapers, railroad trains and especially Sunday excursions.

3. We most earnestly recommend that all our campmeetings be conducted without taking gate fees on our holy Sabbath; that all unnecessary work in connection therewith be avoided, and, as far as possible, there be given no cause for the Sunday pleasure seeking public to claim that there is but very little difference between a Sunday campmeeting and a Sunday picnic.

P. J. Maveety,
R. S. McGregor,
N. M. Steele.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

Among the most important of the diversified interests committed to the care of a pastor, stands the Sunday school. Included within it should be three classes: the church membership, children of families connected with the church, and all that can be brought in who are without home religious influences. In this latter class, few besides children will be included, but the curiosity of childhood, the desire of parents that their children may be good and esteemed, the power of personal influence, and the desire of children to be with companions—all these influences may bring many children not belonging to Christian families into the Sunday school. Here the text-book is the bible, the truth from God respecting the mystery of life; for in it life and immortality are brought to light. The destiny of man, the relation of this life to the future, the character of the God of the Universe, our condition before Him, the possibilities in life, and God's code of laws for us to live by while on the earth.

Not only is the whole body of religious truth taught, but warning and instruction is given in many different ways, by biographic illustrations, in song, by familiar illustrations in nature, by condensed statement, by elaborate argument. All are to be "sanctified by the truth," so given, as that, if taught as given, it will come with vividness and power to all classes of minds. So far as may be, the church should all be at work in the Sunday school; first, for their own sakes. Together they study God's word, and receive instruction and inspiration from each other's minds and experiences. In the second place, from the church membership should generally, at least, be taken all the teachers and officers of the Sunday school.

A sense of responsibility to the Sunday school work should be felt by each member of the church, for here they may utilize whatever influence over children they may have, to help them to Christ.

Children's minds are open; prejudices have not been rooted. Unworthy aspirations and conceptions of life have not been formed. The mind is not absorbed with the sharp competitions and pursuits of life. Very large results are certain from faithfully bringing to the children and youth, God's truths in the methods of instruction by which he has given it.

The relation of the pastor to the Sunday school should be constantly recognized.

On his conception of Sunday school work, and faithfulness in that work, will depend, in a large measure, the success of the Sunday school.

Constant study of the Sunday school work, and constant attention to his own school, should be given by every pastor.

It is doubtful whether there is any department of a pastor's work where large returns are more certain.

Among the things to be carefully attended to, are these:

The best available help should be used, and each one should do the work he can do best.

Our schools should use our own Methodist publications, which are unsurpassed.

All methods of interesting scholars should keep Christ before them.

Careful attention should be given to the books in the library, that they may be of a proper character.

In considering relations to other Sunday schools, strict integrity should be taught.

Besides giving attention to our own local Sunday schools, we must remember and aid, through our Sunday School Union, those who need our help.

Great good may many times be done by the judicious use of tracts. This is a generation where all kinds of influences are brought to men by the printed page.

Some pastors have made the use of tracts an important auxiliary in their work.

The tract cause should receive our careful attention, and our constant help.

Our Methodist young peoples' societies may find opportunity for useful work in tract distribution.

There has been referred to this committee a communication from the Secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Societies, asking that $725 be apportioned among the districts of this Conference for each of these causes.

We recommend that these apportionments be made.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. PUFFER,
G. A. ODLUM,
F. A. VAN DEWALKER,
W. PROUTY.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

The committee to examine District Conference Records, respectfully report that the Secretary's book, of the Ionia District Conference, has been submitted to their inspection, and that they have carefully compared the records therein, with the disciplinary requirements concerning District Conferences.

We find that two sessions have been held during the year, that all the business was transacted in strict accordance with the discipline, and that the Secretary's work is a model of orderly arrangement, and good penmanship.

J. W. RAWLINSON,
L. GROSENBAUGH,
G. C. DRAPER.

MICHIGAN STATE REVIVAL BAND, NO. 1.

Resolved, That Revs. J. Hamilton, J. W. Reid, and William Colby, be appointed a committee to consider the matter of "State Revival Band," to report at some time during this session. Signed:

L. M. EDMONDS,
GEORGE B. KULP,
W. I. COGSHALL,
F. L. THOMPSON,
H. S. BARGELT,
I. R. A. WIGHTMAN.

MICHIGAN STATE REVIVAL BAND, NO. 2.

WHEREAS, There has been a great demand in recent years for evangelical service in our churches in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, this demand has been met in many instances by unauthorized and irresponsible persons, resulting in great damage to our churches; and

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, there has been raised up in our own church, in Michigan, an evangelistic agency of great power, and almost infinite possibilities, which promises, even in its infancy, to introduce a new era of progress in the onward march of the church in this state. Therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize in the Michigan State Revival Band, officered by devoted ministers, and godly laymen of our own church, and employing only such in its service as are duly recommended by pastors, an agency worthy of our confidence and support, and while we are not authorized to ask the appointment of Rev. D. W. Parsons to the superintendency of this work, we do recognize the great value of the service he and his associates have rendered the cause of God in our Conference, and pledge him and his fellow-laborers, our hearty co-operation in their soul-saving work.

JAMES HAMILTON,
J. W. REID,
W. M. COLBY,
M. D. CARRELL,
LEVI MASTER,
W. W. COOPER.

Conference Register.

Your committee, appointed at your last session to prepare a Register of Michigan Conference, beg leave to report that, after due consultation, a blank for statistical data was prepared and mailed to each member of the Conference, with a circular letter stating the action of the Conference relative thereto, and requesting immediate attention to the matter. In response to the circular and personal inquiry, we have the required data for two hundred and fifty-nine members, leaving eleven yet to hear from.

Your committee recommend that a blank book be ordered purchased for the permanent record of these data, to be kept in the custody of the standing committee on Conference Register, and to be revised as occasion may require.

L. DeLaMarter,
James W. Reid.

Conference Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

From Albion District	$ 4,057 44	
From Coldwater District	2,827 08	
From Kalamazoo District	3,517 50	
From Niles District	2,123 52	
From Grand Rapids District	3,392 00	
From Ionia District	2,034 06	
From Lansing District	3,348 44	
From Big Rapids District	2,261 23	
From Grand Traverse District	969 38	
		$24,530 65
From Chartered Fund	$ 30 00	
From Book Concern	624 00	
From Methodist Publishing Company	914 28	
From Collection for G. E. Matthews	83 26	
From Carried over from last year	1 26	
		$ 1,652 80
Collection for Minutes	$ 136 88	
Minute Money from last year	14 71	
Conference Expense Money from last year	15	
Collection for Conference Expense	41 49	193 23
Total Receipts from all sources		$26,376 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Missions	$12,113 76	
Paid Woman' Foreign Missionary Society	3 50	
Paid Church Extension	1,702 88	
Paid Freedman's Aid Fund	1,411 55	
Paid Children's Day Fund	698 23	
Paid Conference Educational Fund	311 20	
Paid Tract Society	248 60	
Paid Sunday School Union	339 65	
Paid American Bible Society	361 90	
Paid Bishop Fund	1,389 75	
Paid Conference Claimants	7,443 87	
Paid Publishing Minutes	260 09	
Paid Woman's Home Missionary Society	3 50	
Paid General Conference Expense	47 00	
Paid Conference Expense Statistician	15 32	
Paid Conference Expense, Secretary	1 50	
Paid Conference Expense, Treasurer	2 95	
Balance on hand, Expense Money	21 67	
		$26,376 68

There is a gain in all the collections except Freedman's Aid, Sunday School Union and Bible Society.

For Missions in 1887	$ 12,253 36
For Missions in 1888	12,496 90
From Methodist Publishing Company, 1887	627 60
From Methodist Publishing Company, 1888	914 28
From Book Concern, 1887	453 00
From Book Concern, 1888	624 06
For Conference Claimants, all sources, 1887	6,763 18
For Conference Claimants, all sources, 1888	7,443 87

Big Rapids District is the only district which made an advance on her collections of the previous year.

J. W. HATHAWAY,
Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

THANKS TO THE PRESS.

Whereas, The reports of our proceedings in the press of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor have been exceptionally good; therefore,

Resolved, That we return our hearty thanks to the editors of these papers, noticing especially the *Daily Palladium*, for their careful attention and efficient service in that respect.

D. W. Parsons,
Thomas Nicholson,
E. T. Lumber.

TRANSFERRED.

Whereas, Brother Washington Gardner has been transferred to take charge of an important church in Cincinnati; therefore,

Resolved, That we commend Brother Gardner to the confidence and affection of our brethren in the Cincinnati Conference; that we will remember him as an efficient worker and able preacher; and that if at any time in the future he shall desire to return to our ranks, we will cordially welcome him back to labor and Conference fellowship.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit to Rev. Brother Gardner a copy of these resolutions.

I. R. A. Wightman,
C. L. Barnhart,
W. A. Hunsberger.
A. P. Moors.

THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE BED.

Resolved. 1. That we approve the proposition that a bed be endowed in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, located in Brooklyn, New York, by the ministers and churches of this Conference, said bed to be known as "The Michigan Conference Bed."

2. That we hereby pledge ourselves to call the attention of our people to this most worthy institution, and to take, on "Hospital Sunday," which is the last Sabbath of each year, an annual collection in our churches for its benefit, whenever we consistently can.

3. That of the monies thus obtained the first $365 which may be sent to the Hospital treasury each year shall be used for the immediate support of the above mentioned bed until its endowment is completed.

J. M. REID,
LEVI MASTER,
G. C. DRAPER.

SERVICES FAITHFULLY PERFORMED.

WHEREAS, Certain officers of this Conference have performed much laborious and gratuitous labor; therefore,

Resolved, That we tender to our Board of Stewards, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician, and their assistants, our hearty thanks for their willing and efficient services.

G. C. DRAPER,
THOMAS NICHOLSON,
L. E. LENNOX.

GENEROUS ENTERTAINMENT.

Resolved, That we give a rising vote of thanks to the people of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, and surrounding country, for the cordial reception and generous entertainment that we have received during our stay in their midst. And also to Revs. M. D. Carrel, E. B. Patterson, and the other members of the committee of entertainment.

THOMAS RILEY,
JAMES HAMILTON,
J. G. CROZIER.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE BISHOP.

Resolved, That this Conference do hereby extend a vote of thanks to our beloved Bishop, S. M. Merrill, for his wise counsel and able administration during the session of this Conference, and that we welcome his visits in the future.

J. A. SPRAGUE,
J. H. PITEZEL,
S. C. WOODARD.

RELIEVING A WORTHY BROTHER.

WHEREAS, Brother Henry Cogshall, a local Preacher during the greater part of his life, and a "supply" for eleven years, has assumed, though comparatively poor and in his old age, the burden of $400 resting on the church, to do which, from his love to Methodism, he has mortgaged his farm rather than that the church should be lost to us.

Your committee therefore respectfully recommend that Brother Hollister, the preacher in charge, be appointed to canvas Conference to relieve Brother Cogshall.

J. W. HORNER,
S. KITZMILLER,
T. T. GEORGE.

OUR PROMOTED BROTHERS.

Dan Barnes, died Sept. 8, 1840.
Shadrach Ruark, May 17, 1846.
Jonathan E. Champlin, Sept. 15, 46.
Thomas Fox, Aug. 30, 1847.
Allen Staples, Oct. 21, 1847.
G. J. Shurtleff, Feb. 28, 1849.
Josiah Brakeman, July 19, 1849.
Octavius Mason, Oct. 5, 1850.
George King, Oct. 27, 1850.
John Ercanbrack, May 7, 1852.
Judson D. Collins, May 12, 1852.
Lee McQuigg, Oct. 15, 1853.
Nelson Barnum, Aug. 5, 1854.
Clark T. Hinman, Oct 21, 1854.
Ransom Goodell, Aug. 8, 1855.
J. J. Whitmore, Aug. 12, 1855.
Seth B. Finch, March 6, 1857.
George Bignell, Dec. 31, 1858.
John K. Gillet, June 27, 1860.
Newland Cleveland, in army, date not known.
Samuel A. Osborn, May 14, 1862.
Wm. C. Comfort, June 15, 1862.
Amos Benson, January 16, 1863.
Oscar F. Chase, October 17, 1863.
Washington I. Blowers, in army, January 10, 1865.
Peter Greensky, April 8, 1866.
Hiram Law, September 9, 1866.
Joseph Jennings, May 23, 1867.
Elijah Crane, April 23, 1868.
A. L. Hoag, December 4, 1869.
David Thomas, January 11, 1870.
Wm. Hott, probationer, Sept. 26, '70
George Bradley, April 15, 1871.
M. B. Camburn, Oct. 17, 1871.
Wm. McKnight, March 28, 1872.
William Ford, October 21, 1872.
Jesse E. McAllister, Dec. 14, 1872.
Edgar Beard, March 4, 1873.
Rezin Sapp, May 5, 1873.
J. L. Child, September 10, 1873.
L. C. Austin, December 24, 1873.
G. L. Gilbert, September 2, 1874.
Wilson Gray, December 17, 1874.
Benjamin Sabin, Feb. 17, 1875.
J. E. Bayliss, a probationer, Oct. 5, 1875.
Nathan Mount, February 8, 1876.
L. Chatfield, July 23, 1876.
George B. Jocelyn, Jan. 27, 1877.
Henry Penfield, January 19, 1877.
James Hulin, May 9, 1877.
David Burns, July 28, 1877.
Joseph Jones, date not found, 1877.
Fred M. Deitz, Sept. 11, 1877.
Gilbert A. Phillips, Nov. 7, 1877.
Samuel S. Wilson, Jan. 18, 1878.
Thomas Cleghorne, Feb. 24, 1878.
Israel Cogshall, April 7, 1879.
Benjamin F. Doughty, June 8, 1879.
W. F. Jenkins, February 13, 1879.
Moss I. Smith, October 22, 1880.
William M. Ball, January 8, 1881.
Jas. W. Robinson, Jan. 13, 1881.
William H. Perrine, Jan. 22, 1881.
E. C. Chambers, March 11, 1881.
Henry Worthington, July 10, 1881.
Otis L. Gibson, Nov. 14, 1881.
D. D. Gillet, May 6, 1882.
A. T. Gray, May 17, 1882.
Alvin Billings, July 6, 1882.
William Bronson, Feb. 22, 1883.
Joseph Greenstead, June 5, 1883.
Jeremy Boynton, September, 1883.
W. E. Newlon, date not given, 1883.
V. G. Boynton, October 12, 1883.
F. D. Hemenway, April 19, 1884.
Thomas J. Congdon, Feb. 5, 1884.
Horace Hall, March 14, 1884.
W. W. Elder, May 11, 1884.
William Doust, May 20, 1885.
W. S. Foster, August 31, 1885.
A. L. Crittenden, Oct. 21, 1885.
N. Fassett, November 7, 1885.
F. Gage, January 1, 1886.
A. J. Van Wyck, January 9, 1886.
S. Nelson, July 3, 1886.
Henry M. Joy, Sept. 30, 1886.
Elijah H. Dissette, Nov. 13, 1886.
Andrew M. Fitch, Jan. 8, 1887.
James P. Force, May 26, 1887.
James T. Robe, Jan. 31, 1888.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Rev. C. T. VanAntwerp.

Bishop Clark regarded the efficiency of our itinerant system as depending much on the fidelity of the wives of our itinerant preachers. If our wives did not cheerfully endure hardship in having, for years in succession, no homes they can call their own; if they did not patiently undergo the trials belonging to our many changes of residence; if they did not uncomplainingly go through ordeals in making new acquaintances, and getting accustomed to new surroundings, our system—in the modern demands of society—would fail. In these days, in contrast with early days of Methodism, good and loyal wives are essential to success in our appointments.

Mary J., wife of the Rev. C. T. VanAntwerp, was born in Cherry Valley, New York, January 12, 1834. She died in the township of Hinton, Mecosta county, Michigan, April 4, 1888. She was a daughter of the Rev. William Dobell, an English local preacher, who, when a young man, emigrated to America.

The family influences surrounding Sister VanAntwerp, in her childhood, were of an excellent religious character. She was converted in early life, and ever afterwards remained a fruitful Christian.

Her parents had removed to St. Charles, Illinois, and there she was married to her bereaved husband, August 18, 1860. In the September immediately following, Brother VanAntwerp was admitted on trial in our Conference. He commenced his itinerant life on the old Allen circuit, on the Coldwater District. For twenty-four consecutive years Sister VanAntwerp nobly assisted her husband in all his itinerant labors.

In caring for her large family, she was a good, careful, hard-working wife and mother. She kept her house comfortable and inviting to all who enjoyed her open hospitality. She ruled her household well, and, while she had a great many household cares—for she had but one daughter among several sons—she still found time to be well acquainted with the parishioners of her husband, and to render much assistance in his pastoral work. She was industrious, both at home and among the people.

She was cheerful in all their changes. On hard fields, where support was meagre and uncertain, she trusted in the Lord, and continued uncomplaining. When long moves came, she packed up readily, and was prepared to move promptly to her destination.

Those who, as Presiding Elders, have entered her house, can bear testimony to her excellent Christian spirit when conversing about our work, and to her prevailing desire to advance the interests of the Lord. In their administration, they heard many favorable remarks concerning this faithful itinerant wife. She invariably stood well in the opinion of all the people.

When her husband was pastor on Vergennes and Keene charge, his health began to fail, and her own health to decline. Not only because it was a necessity in his case, but because it was advisable for her, Brother VanAntwerp, in 1884, took a change in Conference relations. It was necessary for both of them to retire from public life.

They settled upon a new farm in Mecosta county. Here she aided her husband, as best she could, in making a new home for themselves, and a resting-place for their children. They longed for comforts with advancing years. But her strength gradually failed from the time she retired from the public labors of the itinerancy. Still, her attention to personal piety had no abatement. Her last public testimony for the Lord was clear and strong. On the day she died, she had an appointment for religious work. She passed away in hope of a glorious immortality.

Her funeral was largely attended by neighbors, friends, and former parishioners of her husband. In a rural cemetery, near her last home, she was buried in hope of the resurrection.

May her husband and children all meet her in the world of eternal rejoicing.

C. L. Barnhart.

Mrs. Lima Ann Olds.

Mrs. Lima Ann, the wife of Rev. C. C. Olds, died at her home in Lansing, March 4, 1888. Her maiden name was Sloane. She was of true New England parentage, being born at Throopsville, New York, April 11, 1825. Her mother was a devoted member of the Baptist Church. While still young, with her parents, Sister Olds removed to Pennfield, New York. While here, those two events occurred, which, in a human life, more than all else, shape character and affect destiny, namely, conversion to God, and marriage. Her conversion took place sometime in the year 1839. She came to religious decision through powerful and intelligent convictions. She brought the same enlightened judgment to the selection of her religious affiliations. Educated and trained in another communion, she rose, superior to prejudices of her earlier life, and, with a conviction, from which there was no retreat, cast in her lot with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1841 Lima Ann Sloane was united in marriage with the Rev. C. C. Olds, at that time principal of the high school at Pennfield. Brother Olds at that time was also a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. She married a Methodist preacher. She was thus always the wife of a Methodist preacher. She walked by the side of her honored husband through his successive presidency of the Rock River Seminary, professorship in Albion Seminary, and his several positions of responsibility in the Michigan Conference. Sister Olds sustained, with quiet and matronly grace, her place as wife of principal, professor, pastor, and Presiding Elder. She was wise in counsel, deliberate in judgment, firm in maintaining her convictions, and unwavering in loyalty to the church of her choice. Not so demonstrative in the manifestation of her emotions as some, still she was a woman of deep and earnest sympathy. Sister Olds was a piller of strength to her husband, and a true friend to the ministry. She was an appreciative hearer of the gospel. She understood an argument, and enjoyed strong gospel truth. Gifted with keen perceptions, our sister had a ready insight into questions that would be problems to other minds, and the judgment which she gave upon them was not a conclusion prematurely or hastily reached, but a result for which she could give a reason. She was a woman with characteristics; all her individuality, however, was made subservient to her position in the church, by an intelligent and complete consecration.

For forty-nine years she walked before the Lord in the integrity of her heart. For forty-seven years she was the companion and counsellor of her now bereaved husband. Three children honor her memory and mourn her death. Her venerable husband was permitted this helpful companionship during the whole of his active and honored life. He must now walk alone the few remaining steps; but the influence of her wifely counsels, her strong, intellectual gifts, her fine social qualities, her womanly, Christian graces, linger as an inspiration around his declining days. The memory of her life is a heritage of comfort, and will not fade from his life until the eternal reunion so soon to come.

"Pass a few fleeting moments more,
And death, the blessing, will restore
What death has snatched away."

Sister Olds was stricken down, after a brief, but severe illness. By several years the junior of her husband, hope and nature would have suggested that she should not be the first to pass away, but God's ways are not our ways. Her physical system suddenly collapsed, and while her husband and children were cherishing the hope of her recovery, after a few brief days of severe suffering, she passed away.

She was interred at Lansing, on the afternoon of March 7. The funeral services were held at the home of the deceased. They were of the most touching and tender character. Several ministerial brethren were present, and testified their sympathy with the bereaved patriarch. The floral tributes from Central Church, and Vermontville were beautiful and expressive.

Our brother, whose presence has been a benediction in the gatherings of the preachers, sits in the home from which we bore the sacred dust. He has never recovered from the shock; it came upon him just at the time of his life when he was constrained, by increasing infirmities, to retire from a long and useful career. To the reaction which is inevitable to the sudden cessation of an active ministerial life, was added this mountain load of sorrow. He is in "age and feebleness extreme." If there is one thing above another that our brother prizes, it is the strong and earnest sympathy of his brethren in the ministry. He thinks of them, speaks of them, prays for them. To know that you condole with him, will gird his spirit with strength. It is only for a few months, perhaps days, ere this towering character will fall before the arch enemy. May God cheer him while he is pleased to chasten, and lead him gently down to the departing hour

W. H. THOMPSON.

ALICE E. TINEY.

Alice Enettie Boyer Tiney, was born in Birdsborough, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1865, and died in Farwell, Michigan, April 16, 1888, at the age of 22 years, 3 months and 7 days.

Her mother was a life-long Christian, and for many years a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

When only six years of age, sister Tiney and her three younger sisters were deprived of a mother's care, by that mother's triumphant death.

Shortly after, her father, who had served three years in the United States navy during the civil war, sailed for South America, and it is supposed was lost at sea, as the ship in which he sailed never came into port, and was never heard of after.

Our deceased sister was then placed under the care of an aunt at Norristown, Pennsylvania, with whom she resided till May 27, 1885, when she was married to the Rev. Seward C. Tiny, who, with two motherless children, sits in solitude to-day. After spending about two months in Philadelphia, New York, and Ohio, they came on July 10, to Stanwood, Michigan, where our brother supplied the pulpit of the Methopist Episcopal church, continuing his pastorate until the close of that Conference year.

At the ensuing Conference Brother Tiney was received as a probationer, and appointed to the Gladwin circuit.

There they labored together for two years in the work of the Methodist ministry. There their first child was born. There our sister first realized how much it is to be the wife of a Methodist preacher. There she encountered her first discouragements; there she won her best victories, and there she is remembered as a kind-hearted, generous-impulsed, sweet-spirited, Christian woman, who, without experience, and almost in her girlhood, yet was bearing, as best she could, the burdens of an itinerant's life.

The last Conference stationed Brother and Sister Tiney at Farwell, and after a little more than six months residence there, she passed hence—sweetly, trustfully, expectantly, victoriously, we confidently believe, to that abiding city, whose builder and maker is God.

Sister Tiney shone brightest in her home. That was her realm, and only Methodist preachers who know what a true home is, and how much it means to a Methodist preacher to be deprived of such a home, can realize the importance of having that realm ruled well. As a wife and mother she tried her best to be loyal to every duty.

When in Farwell poor health kept her very largely from social life; but her qualities of kindness were not easily hidden, and that many come to know and love her, a crowded church at the funeral service, and a sympathetic community, abundantly testified.

She was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, at the age of 17 years; her religious experience, however, was far from satisfactory.

For several years she rather ENDURED than ENJOYED religion. She was not long in discovering that this state of experience was a tantalizing failure, and that particularly as the wife of a Methodist preacher, it was becoming unendurable.

After six months of this experience at Gladwin, she gave herself to God in a fuller consecration, and received a richer blessing than she had previously known.

However, her *crowning* experience came *nearer* HER CORONATION.

On the last day of last year's Big Rapids district campmeeting, she received what she frequently called a "glorious blessing."

She lived long enough to test its reality on earth, and in turn and then entered its unclouded splendor, and its perfect peace on high.

I am glad to say that those who live in Christ our Lord, do not die, but in passing away, PASS ON and PASS UP.

F. L. THOMPSON.

MRS. LUCY KELLOGG BEACH.

Lucy Kellogg Beach, only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Kellogg, was born at Coloma, Mich., July 29, 1858.

The devoted parents taught their baby girl the way of the Lord, and she responded to the teaching, and hence she knew very little about sin, but loved and followed Jesus always, and had no marked experience in conversion.

When 13 years of age, on Crystal Springs camp ground, she publicly acknowledged Jesus as her Savior, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church of which, ever after, she was a faithful member.

August 30, 1881, she became the wife of Rev. John C. Beach, who was received that fall into the Michigan Conference, and appointed to the Fremont charge, in Big Rapids District, where, for two years, these youthful itinerants preached in word and deed, the gospel of Jesus Christ. Then followed a like term of happy and successful service at Hesperia and Pentwater, and then—scarcely had the Luther pastorate begun, when the Master said to Sister Beach: "It is enough, come up higher."

She was the mother of three children, two of whom rest with her on the farther shore, while one, a lovely boy of 3½ years, with his mother's eyes, and his mother's smile, remains to brighten his father's heart and home.

Of the early years of Sister Beach's life, her mother's testimony is that "her distinguishing traits were a fine conscientiousness, great delicacy and simplicity of character, and transparent purity, joined with a most loving heart. I think she never consciously transgressed the Divine law, but was a Christian, always."

She was a true Methodist preacher's wife, gentle in disposition, patient and careful, with a firm belief in God's providential ordering of the lives of his own, and well was she fitted for the peculiar duties of an itinerant minister's wife. She loved the work and was a helpmate indeed, to her husband in his work.

She was ready to labor in every church interest, wherein she could be useful, but her special delight was in the missionery cause, and in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. She was instrumental in the organization of two auxiliaries, in charges where she lived, and her last work on earth was in penning a letter to the Pentwater auxiliary, urging its members to greater zeal, and making suggestions for future work.

Though always a Christian, and always even and consistent in her Christian life, she was never fully satisfied with her religious experience until at the Whitehall grove meeting, in August, 1886, she sought, and found, perfect love in Christ, of which experience she said: "I find this new life, in so far as I have gone, satisfactory beyond all previous experience, though I am fully aware that I am, as yet, only at its portal."

But she went out from us. Suddenly, unexpectedly, she put off the natural body and assumed the spiritual. On Saturday night, October 1, 1887, she went away, and on Wednesday after, accompanied by many old-time friends, we laid her body in the Homer cemetery. Dead? No! she liveth still—here, and hereafter, and eternally.

The stricken husband has been divinely sustained and is able to say:

> "But am I comfortless? Oh, no!
> Jesus this pathway trod;
> And deeper in my soul than grief
> Art Thou, my dearest God.
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> How pleasant are thy paths, O Death!
> Thither where sorrows cease,
> To a new life, to an old past,
> Softly and silently we haste,
>
> Into a land of peace.
> How pleasant are thy paths, O Death!
> Thy new restores our lost;
> There are voices of the new times,
> With the ringing of the old chimes,
> Blent sweetly on thy coast."

—J. C. Floyd.

Mrs. Rev. J. T. Robe.

Mrs. Euphemia Robe, wife of the late Rev. James T. Robe, died in Kalamazoo, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hall, on May 25, 1888.

Her maiden name was McLaughlin. She was one of a family of seven —two boys and five girls, all of whom came to be active and influential members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. One of these sons entered the Methodist ministry, and four of those daughters came to be Methodist preachers' wives.

Miss Euphemia was married to Rev. Jas. T. Robe on December 26, 1837, and for fifty years they walked side by side adown the ways of life in uninterrupted domestic harmony and bliss.

She was a woman of fine education, and had the characteristics and purposes which eminently fitted her to be the wife of a zealous, intrepid Methodist minister and missionary of fifty years ago. She gave up a pleasant home, well knowing what she would have to undergo as the helpmeet in the career of her husband when life must for many years be without any permanent home. This she most cheerfully did, and proved a most worthy companion of a worthy man in all his ministerial life.

For years her health had been quite feeble, so that when the sorrow and loneliness occasioned by the death of her husband came, she was not able to bear it long, and died in a little less than five months after his death.

She was a loving wife, a tender mother and a devoted Christian. Her last illness continued for about a week, during which she lay like a tired child in the arms of her heavenly Father, until at last she fell asleep.

Her funeral services were conducted by the writer on a beautiful afternoon in May, and the next day her remains were taken to Indianapolis, Indiana, and there by the side of the husband they buried the wife, so that they might sleep side by side till the morning of the resurrection shall dawn on the night of the grave.

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Allen, James	Toronto, Canada	May	1	1844	Primitive Methodist	1865	1887	Bellaire
Ambrose, John C	Circleville, Ohio	Sept.	1	1849	Cincinnati	1871	1884	Cadillac
Armstrong, Edmund V	Albany, New York	Feb.	3	1837	Michigan	1876	1876	Mendon
Arney, John W	Fabins, Mich	Jan.	30	1855	Mlchigan	1880	1880	Danby
*Bacon, Elisha D	Connesus, New York	April	28	1830	Michigan	1863	1863	Grandville
*Ball, David O.								Petoskey
*Bangs, Frank B.	Stanford, New York	March	23	1819	Michigan	1840	1840	Eaton Rapids
Bargelt, Henry S	Middleton, Pennsylvania	April	7	1849	Upper Iowa	1871	1882	Allegan
*Barnes, Doctor F	Vergennes, Vermont	Nov	22	1833	Northwest Indiana	1858	1866	Kalamazoo
*Barnes, George S	Charlotte, Vermont	May	24	1829	New Hampshire	1857	1867	Harbor Springs
*Barnhart, Clinton L.	Chatauqua, New York	Sept.	1	1842	Erie	1865	1871	Charlotte
*Barrett, Wright	Providence, New York	March	28	1830	Michigan	1868	1870	Kalamazoo
Bass, William A.	Edwardsburg, Canada	April	19	1847	Bay-Quinta, Canada	1877	1884	Galesburgh
Beach. Asahel C.	Hamilton, New York	May	1	1822	Michigan	1854	1857	Pierson
*Beach, John C.	Oronoko, Mich	April	6	1854	Michigan	1881	1885	Luther
*Bennett, Isaac	Jefferson Co., Ohio	April	22	1810	Michigan	1836	1836	Quincy
*Bennett, Lorin M	Cherry Valley, New York	July	29	1828	Michigan	1853	1857	Ann Arbor
Bennett, John H.	Gloustershire, England	Feb.	28	1857	London	1878	1888	Casnovia
Berry, James	Brampton, Canada	Nov.	26	1849	Michigan	1877	1879	Augusta
*Bowen, James R	Nunda, New York	April	21	1834	Michigan	1881	1883	Fowler
*Bray, Nicholas L	Cornwall, England	June	28	1844	Michigan	1870	1870	Coldwater
Bramfitt, Robert	Lumley, England	March	10	1852	Newfoundland	1875	1887	Winfield
*Bready, Robert H	Albion, Canada	Nov.	30	1845		1874	1875	Los Angelos, Cal.
Bready, John A.								
*Brockway, Nelson L	Dansville, New York	July	27	1828	Michigan	1854	1856	Agnew
*Brockway, William H.	Morriston, Vermont	Feb.	24	1813	Ohio	1833	1836	Albion
Bruce, David G	Stormont, Canada	May	18	1854	Bay-Quinta	1876	1885	Denver, Col
*Buell, James I	New Haven, New York	Jan.	4	1831	Michigan	1856	1859	Grand Rapids
*Buell, George A	Kalamazoo, Mich	May	27	1848	Michigan	1877	1877	Coloma
Buell, John W.	Kalamazoo, Mich	May	13	1851	Michigan	1879	1881	Byron

Burns, Andrew W	Eckmonsville, Ohio	March	29	1848	Ev. Lutheran Church	1876	1883	Eagle
*Bushee, Albert W	Lester, New York	April	21	1842	Michigan	1883	1887	Leroy
*Calkins, Levi W	Alaiedon, Mich	Sept.	1	1839	Michigan	1865	1865	Climax
Callen, Marshal M.	Knox County, Tennessee	May	16	1849	Michigan	1876	1876	Lansing
*Carlisle, John W. H	Milford, Delaware	Dec.	14	1839	Michigan	1870	1872	St. Joseph
*Carrel, Morton D.	Royalton, Ohio	Feb.	12	1849	Michigan	1872	1872	Englewood, Ill., 6429 Honore
Cawthorne, John W.	Newcastle on Tyne, Eng.	Dec.	17	1822	Canada (Wesleyan)	1844	1852	Millbrook
Chamberlain, Howard C	Brownstown, Mich.	March	15	1858	Michigan	1885	1885	Edwardsburg
Chase, John C.	China, New York	Aug.	28	1856	Michigan	1886	1888	Banfield
*Chick, Charles	Goudhurst, England	Jan.	20	1833	Michigan	1858	1858	Whitehall
Clancy, Judson V.	Camden, Canada	Oct.	24	1860	Michigan	1883	1883	Jackson
*Clark, Thomas T.	Freehold, New Jersey	Oct.	15	1815	Genesee	1847	1850	Grand Rapids, 759 S. Div.
*Clabine, John	West Moreland Co., Penn.	Sept.	14	1828	Michigan	1855	1857	Springport
*Cogshall, Wilbur I.	Concord, Mich	Feb.	13	1850	Michigan	1871	1871	Niles
*Colby, W. M.	Sodus, New York	Sept.	27	1836	Michigan	1851	1863	North Lansing
Cook, William T	Kingston, Ontario	April	6	1861	Northwest Iowa	1885	1888	Richland
*Cooley, Elias	Niagara Co., New York	April	13	1821	Michigan	1866	1866	Marshall
*Coplin, William M.	Ira, New York	April	5	1828	Michigan	1855	1858	Jackson
Cox, Thomas	Cornwall, England	Dec.	10	1856	Michigan	1884	1884	Concord
*Crawford, Riley C.	Richmond, New York	Jan.	27	1817	Michigan	1841	1844	Holland
Craig, A. E.								Evanston, Ill
*Cronk, Delos	Victor, New York	March	26	1843	Troy	1873	1883	Grand Rapids
Crozier, James G	Cartwright, Canada	Aug.	5	1851	Montreal	1872	1886	Grand Rapids
*Daniels, Grosvenor	Birmingham, Mich	Nov.	2	1850	Michigan	1878	1880	Homer
*Day, Eri H.	Springwater, New York	June	15	1818	Michigan	1845	1845	Lawton
Davids, John W	Danby, Mich	Oct.	3	1853	Michigan	1882	1884	Onoka, Minn
Dayton, James N	Harpers Field, New York	May	1	1828	Michigan	1859	1861	Ada
*DeLamarter, Louis	Brighton, Mich	Aug.	16	1850	Michigan	1880	1882	Mason
*Denman, William	South Wales, England	Sept.	13	1854	Michigan	1885	1885	Sturgis
Desjardins, Paul	Milton, Canada	Nov.	10	1854	Detroit	1878	1883	Boston, Mass
Donaldson, George	County Tyrone, Ireland	June	24	1836	Wesleyan	1860	1874	Waukeshma
Douglass, William J	Decatur, Mich.	Sept.	24	1861	Michigan	1885	1887	Hersey
*Draper, Gilbert C	Hudson, Ohio	March	28	1839	Michigan	1866	1866	Hillsdale
*Draper, James	East Guellainburg, Canada	Aug.	7	1831	Niagara	1859	1871	Dunseith, Dakota
Dunton, Alfred A.	Georgia, Vermont	Feb.	8	1825	Michigan	1851	1853	Shacklefords, Virginia
*Earle, Lewis W.	Wadsworth, Ohio	Nov.	23	1825	Northwest Indiana	1855	1857	Burlington
*Edmonds, Lewis M	Greene Corners, New York	Feb.	6	1832	Genesee	1856	1857	Bellevue
*Eldred, Andrew J	Catskill, New York	March	20	1826	Michigan	1846	1846	Elk Rapids
Eldred, Albert N	Richmond, New York	March	26	1848	Free Will Baptist Church	1875	1877	Sonoma
*Elliot, George C	Florida, New York	May	23	1815	Oneida	1843	1868	Dowagiac
Ellsworth, Deforest	Connaut, Ohio	May	30	1855	Detroit	1833	1888	Crystal Valley
*Engle, David	Lancaster, Ohio	Aug.	11	1832	Michigan	1859	1861	Eaton Rapids
*Ferguson, Andrew T.	Melrose, Canada	May	29	1850	Ontario	1871	1884	South Haven
*Fisher, Charles H	Columbus County, Penn.	Jan.	7	1830	Michigan	1860	1862	Marcellus, Mich

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*Floyd, John C	Butler, Mich	July	2	1852	Michigan	1876	1876	Albion
Fow, D. W								Shepardsville
Fox, Charles S	Kingsville, Ohio	Dec.	15	1829	East Genesee	1856	1869	Vandalia
Freeman, Fred J	Sutton, Massachusetts	Aug.	12	1837	Michigan		1858	Orleans
French, William P	Smithville, Canada	Nov.	9	1849	Ontario	1876	1881	Vicksburg
Frye, William A	Hartford, Mich	Nov.	27	1858	Michigan	1884	1886	Spring Lake
*Garlick, Latham M	Plattsburg, New York	March	19	1838	Michigan	1860	1865	Woodland
*George, Thomas F	Upper Boddington, Eng.	April	17	1830	Michigan	1857	1857	Middleville
Gillett, Augustus H	Dexter, Mich	Oct.	8	1848	Michigan	1871	1871	Wyoming, Ohio
*Glass, Francis	Crive, Ireland	April	25	1812	English	1840	1846	Grand Rapids
*Golden, Owen J	Virgil, New York	Sept.	4	1847	Michigan	1875	1878	Edmore
*Gosling, George W.	Pontiac, Mich	Nov.	6	1837	California	1863	1867	Berrien Springs
*Gould, Amos M	Moscow, Mich	Dec.	29	1845	Rock River	1873	1875	Ionia
*Graham, John	Sterling, Scotland	Dec.	4	1835	Michigan	1869	1869	Grand Rapids
*Greene, David A	Independence, Ohio	Oct.	8	1854	Michigan	1879	1880	Fife Lake
Griffith, A. M								School
Grosenbaugh, Louis	Stark County, Ohio	Dec.	14	1850	Reformed Church in U. S.	1875	1884	Greenville
*Gulick, Jehiel	Trenton, New Jersey	June	1	1837	Michigan	1862	1862	Mancelona
*Griffin, Lewis J	Ritchfield, New York	Jan.	15	1828	Michigan	1853	1856	Albion
Haight, George L.	Oshawa, Canada	Nov.	16	1836	Wesleyan	1863	1870	Niles
*Hallenbeck, John W	Austerlitz, New York	Oct.	20	1845	Michigan	1873	1875	Portland
*Hamilton, James	Trafalgar, Canada	Feb.	17	1843	Michigan	1868	1868	Battle Creek
*Hamilton, Samuel L.	Homer, Mich	July	12	1841	Central Illinois	1860	1870	Buchanan
*Harder, Jacob S.	Chatham, New York	Aug.	11	1818	Michigan	1851	1854	Nashville
Hart, Alfred F.	Ransom, Mich	Jan.	12	1857	Michigan	1886	1888	St. Louis
Hartley, John J	Cliffernia, Ireland	Feb.	10	1851	Michigan	1881	1883	Evanston, Ill
*Hathaway, William J	Bluffton, Indiana	Aug	7	1848	Michigan	1877	1879	Paw Paw
Hawley, Harvey R	Brant County, Canada	Dec.	29	1856	Michigan	1874	1881	Lake View
*Haviland, Daniel L.	Royalton, New York	Feb.	5	1828	Michigan	1858	1858	Lake View
*Heath Willard	Stanstead, Canada	March	15	1835	Michigan	1876	1880	Manton
Henderson, Horatio P.	Jefferson County, New York	Sept	26	1824	Erie	1851	1868	Albion
*Hewitt, Shuball P.	Walworth, New York	Jan.	16	1824	Michigan	1868	1871	Torch Lake

Hickey, George S.	Troy, Mich	Jan.	8	1840	Michigan	1869	1869	Jackson
Hicks, George S.	Pomfret, Connecticut	Sept.	30	1830	Michigan	1869	1869	Russell, Nebraska
Hill, Theodore J	Minerva, New York	May	10	1833	Michigan	1855	1857	Boyne City.
*Hills, John	Ashford, England	Sept.	14	1824	Genesee	1856	1870	Ithaca
*Hoag, George W	Charlotte, Vermont	May	13	1822	Michigan	1845	1850	Albion
Holding, Carlisle B	Eagle Creek, Kentucky	Feb.	1	1849	Southern Illinois	1873	1878	Paris, Illinois
*Hollister, George E.	Marion, New York	July	22	1833	Michigan	1863	1865	Irving
*Hollowell, John W	Wheeler, New York	Oct	5	1828	Michigan	1870	1870	Damon
*Hopkins, James H.	Brook County, Virginia	Oct.	18	1834	Iowa	1858	1871	Ypsilanti
*Horner, John W	Yorkshire, England	Aug.	6	1834	Michigan	1880	1882	Rockford
*Howe, Charles H	Door Village, Indiana	June	1	1838	Michigan	1868	1868	Julian, Dakota
Howe, George W	Elba, New York.	April	26	1829	North Indiana	1867	1882	Frankfort
*Hoyt, John	Cherry Valley, New York.	Nov.	27	1832	Michigan	1857	1857	Allen
*Hunsberger, Aaron	Bayham, Canada	April	11	1824	Niagara	1854	1869	Athens
*Hunsberger, Wesley A	Troy, Canada	June	20	1852	Michigan	1874	1876	Coldwater
Hunt, Hoyt B	Hickory Corners, Mich	Dec	20	1851	North Indiana	1881	1884	Kalamazoo
*Iddings, Joseph T	Dayton, Ohio	July	24	1835	North Indiana	1863	1870	Reading
*Jacokes, Thomas H	Geneva, New York	Oct.	1	1820	Michigan	1845	1845	Lyons
*Jacokes, Charles A	Lodi, Mich	June	28	1842	Michigan	1870	1873	Ithaca
*Janes, Frederick N	Homer, Mich	Jan.	27	1845	Michigan	1873	1875	Palo
Jennings, William	Halsetown, England	Nov.	20	1851	Newfoundland, Canada.	1874	1887	Grand Haven
Johnson, Welcome W	Williamstown, Mass.	Oct	26	1817			1850	Grand Rapids
*Jordan, Henry D	Godmanchester, Canada.	Feb.	24	1831	Michigan	1867	1867	Cedar Springs
*Jones, Charles W								Grand Rapids
Judd, William	Warsaw, New York	Sept.	27	1843	Michigan	1881	1883	Belding
*Kellogg, Erastus L.	Victory, New York	Oct	12	1833	Michigan	1856	1856	Quincy
Ketcham, Abijah E	Perne Landing, New York.	April	24	1829	Detroit		1869	South Haven
Keillor, Alexander R	Iona, Canada	Feb.	9	1854	Michigan	1880	1883	Bowne
Kenyon, L. B.								Liberty
Killean, George	Waterloo, New York	March	8	1851	Michigan	1884	1888	Coleman
King, Edwin H	Scipio, New York	Dec.	18	1851	Genesee	1876	1883	Carson City
*Kitzmiller, Samuel	Gettysburg, Penn	Nov.	16	1832	Detroit	1866	1873	Bloomingdale
Klose, John	Mexico, Penn.	April	18	1838	Michigan	1879	1879	North Muskegon
*Knappen, Ashman A	Sudburg, Vermont	Sept.	4	1828	Michigan	1868	1868	Albion
Knott, John B	Toronto, Canada	July	29	1833	Niagara	1855	1879	Berlin
*Kulp, George B	Philadelphia, Penn	July	23	1845	Michigan	1882	1884	Otsego
Latham, David R.	Springfield, Vermont	Oct.	13	1831	Michigan	1859	1859	Garden City, Kansas
*Lamport, Warren W	Mishawaka, Indiana	Nov.	17	1855	Michigan	1877	1879	Decatur
*Lee, George D.	Naples, New York	April	14	1834	Michigan		1859	Grand Rapids
Lenox, Lambert E	Ontario, Canada	Sept.			Detroit	1878	1886	North Adams
Lee, F. C								Traverse City
Loomis, Merritt F	Wyoming, New York	Feb.	6	1854	Michigan	1884	1886	Battle Creek
Lyon, Thomas	Bethel, New York	May	22	1819			1854	Homer
*Lumber, Edwin T	Cheddar, England	June	1	1849	Michigan	1881	1883	Kalamazoo

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*Marble, Elisha	Adams, New York	May	25	1822			1859	Harbor Springs
Marsh, Norman D	Union City, Mich.	July	31	1836		1868	1870	Albion
*Marzolf, Jacob	London, Canada	Nov.	2	1838	Evangelical Association	1867	1875	Cato
*Mason, Uri	Genesee, New York	May	4	1832	Michigan	1859	1861	New Buffalo
*Master, Levi	Waterloo, Canada	Feb.	8	1841	Michigan	1870	1870	Kalamazoo
Matthews, Gould E	Freeport, Ohio	Dec.	29	1844	Michigan	1885	1885	Nashville
*Matthews, Leander S	Wood County, Ohio	Feb.	13	1849		1878	1880	Girard
*Maveety, Patrick J	Greenough, Ireland	Feb.	8	1855	Michigan	1878	1880	Ovid
Maybee, William J	Hamilton, Canada	June	10	1851	Ontario, Canada	1878	1886	Ludington
McAllister, James W	Bethany, Canada	March	18	1857	Toronto, Canada	1880	1885	Sickels
McGregor, Richard S	Ontario, Canada	Nov.	5	1857	Methodist Protestant	1879	1886	Maple Rapids
McKee, Samuel D	Erin, Canada	Sept.	7	1847	Michigan	1877	1879	Martin
*Merritt, Stephen M	Western, New York	May	6	1826	East Genesee	1856	1872	Coldwater
Middleton, Robert N	Greentop, Missouri	Nov.	14	1856	Michigan	1884	1886	Ganges
*Miller, John W	Picton, Canada	July	16	1832	Michigan	1861	1865	Big Rapids
Mills, Burton S	Cayuga Co., New York	April	8	1843	Michigan	1868	1868	Fountain
Morgan, Harrison	Turin, New York	Aug.	14	1814	New England	1841	1845	Grand Rapids
*Moors, Aaron P	Oxford, Mich	March	27	1838	Michigan	1862	1864	Ionia
*Mount, George L	Sharon, Mich.	Feb.	23	1843	Michigan	1871	1871	Elsie
Mosher, William P	Mosherville, Mich	May	20	1856	Michigan	1882	1882	Parma
Muffitt, Willis C	Reading, Mich	Dec.	3	1859	Michigan	1886	1888	Cambria
Nagler, August F	Freeport, Mich	Oct.	30	1862	Michigan	1886	1888	Sheridan
*Newell, Enoch F	Durham, Maine	Dec.	2	1842	Michigan	1879	1879	Morley
Newton, Albert D	York, New York	Aug.	21	1841	Michigan	1872	1872	St. Johns
*Nicholson, Thomas	Woodburn, Canada	Jan.	27	1862	Canada	1883	1885	Union City
Odin, John R	Montgomery Co., Md.	Nov.	1	1836	North Indiana	1862	1873	Benton Harbor
*Odlum, George A	Ontario, Canada	Dec.	7	1852	Michigan	1880	1883	Evart
*Olds, Carmi C	Granville, New York	March	31	1815	Rock River	1848	1850	Lansing
*Orwick, John F	Mt. Blanchard, Ohio	Aug.	5	1852	Michigan	1877	1882	Centreville
*Paddock, William M	Herkimer, New York	April	9	1826	Black River	1855	1867	Burr Oak
*Paddock, Oresta S	Boylston, New York	Aug.	31	1849	Michigan	1875	1878	Litchfield
Paddock, Byron E	Porter Township, Mich.	Nov.	27	1851	Michigan	1879	1879	Susanville, Cal.
*Parsons, Daniel W	Coldwater, Mich.	Nov.	14	1842	Michigan	1869	1871	Hanover

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Parsons, William H	Wixall, England	Nov.	20	1845	Niagara, Canada	1880	1886	Bangor
Patterson, Edmund B	Batley, England	March	1	1862	Michigan	1883	1885	Benton Harbor
Peach, Isaac W	Liverpool, N. S.	March	12	1850	Congregational Church	1880	1887	Alma
*Pengelly, Richard	Tavistock, England	March	25	1818	North Ohio	1842	1842	Kalamazoo
Perry, Oliver H	Brooklyn, New York	March	22	1845	Michigan	1881	1882	Prairieville
*Pitezel, John H	Frederick Co., Md.	April	18	1814	Ohio	1835	1837	Norwalk, Ohio
*Potts, James H	Woodhouse, Canada	June	12	1848	Michigan	1869	1869	Detroit
Potter, Andrew	Petigo, Ireland			1842	Michigan	1879	1882	Albion
*Pratt, Byron S								Grand Ledge
*Prouty, William A	Steuben Co., New York	May	6	1839	United Brethren Church	1861	1868	Hartford
Puffer, William M	Sheldon, Vermont	June	12	1860	Michigan	1884	1886	Hastings
Rawlinson, John W	Pitcher, New York	Jan.	22	1838	Oneida	1865	1886	Plainwell
*Reid, John M	New York City	May	30	1820	New York	1844	1868	New York City
Reid, James W	Machias, Maine	April	7	1837	Michigan	1868	1868	Grand Rapids
*Richards, James H	Wayne County, Mich.	Sept.	16	1835	Michigan	1864	1867	South Haven
*Riehl, Daniel C	St. Louis County, Mo.	May	1	1847	Michigan	1876	1878	Reed City
*Riley, Thomas	Ontario, Canada	Aug.	10	1843	Free Methodist	1875	1884	Potterville
*Roberts, James	Sharon	April	7	1838	Michigan	1863	1865	Fremont
Rolte, Alvern A	Alden Village, New York	April	6	1835	Michigan	1862	1863	Los Angelos, Cal.
Robinson, George S	Canada	Oct.	24	1858	Prim. Methodist	1878	1886	East Jordan
Rork, William W	Sheridan, New York	March	5	1834	Michigan	1861	1861	Agnew
*Sherman, George W	Greenfield, Ohio	Aug.	13	1834	Michigan	1857	1861	Petoskey
Shier, Richard	Brock Township, Canada	Sept.	5	1843	Wesleyan Methodist	1869	1880	Lacota
*Shorts, Robert	Richmond, Canada	July	18	1850	Bay Quinta	1871	1884	Mount Pleasant
Skinner, I. H								Long Pine, Nebraska
Smith, Albert	Rosemont, Canada	July	25	1855	M. E. Church of Canada	1875	1887	Hubbardston
Smith, Burton W	Wayne County, New York	Dec.	25	1833	West Wisconsin	1859	1862	Bijou Hills, Dakota
*Smith, Calvin W	Pontiac, Mich.	Feb.	3	1842	Michigan	1879	1879	New York City
*Smith, Melancthon W. F	Magnolia, Illinois	June	22	1847	Iowa	1868	1879	Mosherville
*Sprague, Jonathan A	Hanibal, New York	Jan.	26	1833	Michigan	1857	1859	Three Rivers
*Stark, John K	Mexico, New York	March	31	1835	Michigan	1869	1871	Cadillac
*Steffe, Jacob W	Mt. Vernon, Ohio	Feb.	25	1855	Michigan	1880	1880	Lake City
*Steele, Salmon	Boston, Mass	Nov.	12	1812	New Britain, Conn.	1835	1841	Northport
*Steele, Newland M	Hartford, Conn	Feb.	24	1836	Michigan	1857	1859	Hart
*Stevens, Edward G	Erie City, Penn	Sept.	22	1839	Michigan	1879		Spencer Creek
*Stinchcomb, William R	Bloom Township, Ohio	April	10	1831	Michigan	1872	1872	Marcellus
*Strickland, Seneca C	Penfield, New York	Aug.	22	1819	Michigan	1877	1879	Constantine
Sturgis, Arthur H	Dewitt, Mich.	Oct.	13	1862	Michigan	1885	1887	Okemos
Swift, William J	Newport, New York	Oct.	2	1832	Michigan	1861	1863	Lansing
Stewart, Arthur K	Wallaceburg, Ontario	Feb.	27	1851	Michigan	1884	1888	Osseo
Taft, Herbert S	Kingsville, Ohio	July	27	1840	Methodist Episcopal	1882	1884	TwinBridges, Mad'nCo., Mon
*Tallman, Isaac B	Toronto, Canada	Nov.	7	1827	Wesleyan	1857	1873	Grand Ledge
*Tanner, James H	Henrietta, Mich.	May	15	1836	Methodist Protestant	1859	1862	Marshall
Tanner, Edward A	England	Dec.	25	1848	Michigan	1871	1871	Nashville

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*Taylor, Isaac								Dawson, Dakota
Tench, Edwin	Birmingham, England	Jan.	28	1850	West Wisconsin	1874	1885	Pokagon
Theobald, Charles H	Ansville, New York	June	13	1850	Michigan	1883	1888	Sanford
*Tiney, Seward C	Amboy, Ohio	Nov.	14	1846	Michigan	1885	1885	Farwell
Tindall, Richard W.	Arkona, Canada	May	23	1849	Primitive Methodist	1880	1887	Kendall
*Thompson, William H	Bollington, England	May	15	1843	Wisconsin	1869	1879	Lansing
Thompson, Fayette L.	Linden, Mich	Feb.	12	1862	Michigan	1885	1887	Manistee
*Thomas, Charles G	Conway Township, Mich.	Dec.	15	1843	United Brethren	1868	1887	Dowagiac
*Thomas, James H	Tyrone Township, Mich.	Sept.	9	1850	Michigan	1874	1876	Vermontville
Thomas, Delbert L	Cohocta, Mich.	Nov.	14	1860	Michigan	1883	1888	Bronson
*Treadgold, Elight	Fox Hall, England	May	30	1845	Primitive Methodist, Can.	1867	1870	Pierson
*Tuthill, George W	Montgomery, New York	Sept.	30	1836	Michigan	1859	1859	Tekonsha
*Valentine, Julius S.	Lima, Ohio	Aug.	11	1839	Michigan	1868	1871	Albion
*Van Antwerp, Charles T.	Milton, New York	Feb.	22	1834	Michigan	1859	1863	Lake View
*Van DeWalker, Freeman A.	Western, New York	July	6	1854	Michigan	1881	1883	Ionia
*VanHorn, George A.	Stillwater, New York	Aug.	5	1815	Newark	1856	1858	Plainwell
Varion, George	Counkilla, Ireland	Nov.	25	1843	Michigan	1879	1881	Coopersville
*Wakefield, Amos	Wheelock, Vermont	March	31	1813	Michigan	1849	1851	Middleville
*Ward, Duncan M.	Farmington, Mich.	Dec.	16	1842	Michigan	1871	1871	Dewitt
Watkins, Orlin D	Naples, New York	Dec.	19	1830	North Indiana	1866	1880	Cadillac
*Webster, James	England	Aug.	26	1828	Detroit	1856	1871	Leslie
*Welch, R. C								Albion
*Weyant, James A.	Brutus, New York	Jan.	14	1843	Michigan	1882	1884	Saranac
*Wheeler, Arthur J	Straits Lake, Mich	Sept.	25	1842	Michigan	1870	1870	Sparta
*White, Joshua	Huntington, Indiana	June	2	1838	Methodist Protestant	1860	1867	Schoolcraft
*White, James E	Jersey Shore, Penn	Aug.	10	1834	Michigan	1868	1868	Wayland
White, John W	Clear Creek, Indiana	April	12	1842	Methodist Protestant	1871	1874	Olivet
*Whitman, Barnabas H	Marion, New York	June	1	1828	Michigan	1869	1869	Norwood
*Wightman, Ira R. A.	Trenton, New York	March	30	1836	Michigan	1863	1865	Albion
Wightman, Oramel E.	Ilion, New York	Aug.	20	1850	Michigan	1872	1874	Hanover
Wilks, Joseph								Parkville
*Wilson, Isaiah	Clones, Ireland	July	17	1842	Newark	1873	1876	Cassopolis
Woodard, David C.	Cohocton, New York	May	31	1836	Michigan	1862	1864	Ovid

Woodard, Stephen C.	Cohocton, New York	June	17	1819	Michigan	1841	1843	Ovid
Wright, R. A.								Evanston, Illinois
Wigle, Ely	Gosfield, Canada	Dec.	2	1841	Wesleyan Methodist	1864	1873	Grand Rapids
*Young, Erasmus D.	Orville, New York	Aug.	25	1814	Michigan	1849	1851	Colon
Young, Thomas	Ayton, England	Aug.	10	1855	M. E. Church of Canada	1882	1885	Gresham
Younglove, William N.	Rome, Mich.	March	21	1848	Michigan	1881	1881	Lawrencee

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		OTHER COLLECTIONS.
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	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Member.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Chs. & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	
Albion	59	710	18	3	..	41	1	10000	..	......	2000	....	....	415	1	31	342	324	175	499	63	10	6	55	30	20	109	115	1991	200	33
Battle Creek	48	550	2	9	19	33	1	25000	1	2000	272	....	....	684	1	33	400	166	84	250	54	10	5	46	27	23	166	40	1769	130	380
Bellevue	15	239	..	4	..	5	2	4500	1	1400	235	....	....	140	2	40	233	94	23	117	20	2	1	18	7	5	1	34	985	63	14
Concord	15	126	1	2	..	3	3	6000	1	1500	900	....	225	120	1	17	72	50	3	53	10	1	1	6	5	1	....	....	892	29	52
Eden	10	26	..	..	..	....	..	......	..	......	....	....	....	....	2	17	70	10	....	10	....	..	..	....	2	..	1	1	317	5	......
Hanover and Moscow	27	197	3	5	9	23	2	8000	1	12000	....	....	....	175	2	25	250	60	30	90	15	4	2	15	4	..	52	....	1073	40	......
Homer	31	241	2	..	..	....	1	13500	1	1500	...	....	....	....	1	27	306	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	993	....	......
Jackson, Cooper St. Ch.	5	70	2	1	8	1	1	3000	..	......	...	....	50	75	1	15	160	2	2	4	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	439	4	3
" First Church	28	555	3	7	4	27	1	65000	..	......	86	54	....	1408	1	57	627	141	209	350	40	8	4	35	16	5	150	49	2168	170	262
" Haven Church	14	128	..	4	10	30	1	1200	..	......	70	69	1469	136	1	25	285	30	21	51	3	1	1	2	2	2	50	....	842	7	5
Leroy	1	96	..	1	..	8	2	4600	1	500	25	....	....	65	1	10	77	63	9	72	13	2	1	12	10	4	16	20	698	33	......
Leslie	81	114	1	..	2	37	1	2000	..	......	250	....	....	100	2	15	145	22	25	47	2	2	1	3	3	1	51	....	755	25	......
Liberty	12	136	..	1	2	....	2	3500	1	400	85	....	....	125	2	27	132	35	25	60	3	1	1	3	7	1	40	....	711	30	......
Litchfield	7	106	..	..	..	1	2	4000	1	1600	....	13	....	85	2	28	148	20	3	23	3	1	..	3	4	1	25	....	566	7	2
Marengo	60	106	1	2	2	6	1	2500	1	1000	50	....	....	....	3	24	146	42	11	53	6	1	1	5	7	1	25	....	626	20	......
Marshall	10	161	1	4	..	9	1	12000	1	1200	70	....	....	169	1	18	168	15	8	23	2	1	1	2	14	1	27	15	854	20	......
Mosherville	39	143	1	1	3	20	2	3300	1	600	...	....	....	90	5	55	240	29	11	40	6	1	1	5	....	1	....	....	757	17	......
Olivet and Partello	5	104	1	..	1	7	2	6000	2	1400	300	....	200	70	3	32	193	35	....	35	4	1	1	4	1	1	....	....	717	20	11
Parma	24	177	..	4	..	10	2	10000	1	2000	120	....	....	150	2	28	213	60	25	85	15	3	2	15	9	6	26	....	869	42	......
Penfield	11	182	..	..	..	....	1	1800	..	......	....	....	....	50	7	60	389	69	31	100	20	4	2	18	12	6	30	....	716	50	12
Springport	2	60	1	2	..	5	1	1500	1	1000	18	....	....	65	2	21	120	15	2	17	2	1	..	....	2	..	....	....	548	4	2
Tekonsha	8	134	2	3	2	3	2	6500	1	1200	111	....	....	80	2	31	219	36	3	39	5	2	2	3	6	2	34	....	855	27	......
Tompkins	11	100	..	3	1	3	2	2500	1	1500	....	....	....	48	3	30	180	35	11	46	3	1	1	3	5	2	61	61	643	22	42
TOTAL	523	4461	39	56	63	272	34	206400	17	30800	4572	136	1944	4252	48	696	5115	1353	711	2064	289	57	34	253	173	83	862	335	20784	965	818

STATISTICS FOR ALBION DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1888.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFER'NCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Albion	W. Gardner	1800	1800	......	157	157	......	34	160	200
Battle Creek	James Hamilton	1600	1600	......	140	140	29	29	130	130
Bellevue	L. M. Edmunds	900	900	......	75	75	14	10	63	63
Concord	Thomas Cox	825	825	......	63	62	8	5	32	29
Eden	H. S. Skinner	300	300	......	......	16	1	1	5	5
Hanover and Moscow	D. W. Parsons	1000	1000	......	64	64	9	9	40	40
Homer	W. W. Rork	925	925	......	68	68	......	......	......	......
Jackson, Cooper Street Church	Jacob Clancy	500	409	91	30	30	......	......	......	4
" First Church	G. S. Hickey	1800	1984	......	150	150	34	34	170	170
" Haven Church	Judson V. Clancy	800	800	......	40	40	9	2	21	7
Leroy	J. Berry	650	650	......	42	42	6	6	30	33
Leslie	J. Webster	825	700	125	50	50	9	5	40	25
Liberty	W. P. Mosher	650	655	......	48	48	8	8	34	30
Litchfield	A. N. Eldred	600	525	75	38	38	8	3	20	7
Marengo	E. Cooley	653	573	80	48	48	8	5	28	20
Marshall	W. R. Stinchcomb	950	800	150	52	52	......	2	......	20
Mosherville	M. W. F. Smith	750	705	45	45	45	12	7	28	17
Olivet and Partello	J. W. White	700	690	10	25	25	5	2	20	20
Parma	W. M. Coplin	900	800	100	60	60	9	9	42	42
Penfield	M. F. Loomis	650	650	......	55	55	11	11	50	50
Springport	J. Clubine	700	515	185	30	30	3	3	14	4
Tekonsha	G. W. Tuthill	800	800	......	50	50	......	5	......	27
Tompkins	W. Taylor	600	600	......	41	41	6	2	26	22
TOTAL		19878	19206	861	1370	1386	189	192	953	965

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STATISTICS FOR COLDWATER DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1888.

NAME OF CHARGE.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Chs. & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	OTHER COLLECTIONS.
Allen	7	128	..	..	..	2	1	10000	1	800	100	....	....	65	1	14	80	12	4	16	4	1	1	3	2	1	....	....	582	7	1
Athens	30	70	1	3	..	....	2	6500	..	......	150	700	....	65	2	19	155	8	3	11	12	1	1	3	1	2	....	....	510	8	......
Bronson	40	125	1	3	..	40	2	6000	1	800	....	....	....	100	1	15	125	33	2	35	2	..	..	2	2	..	....	....	781	20	......
Burlington	15	120	2	1	1	11	3	6000	..	......	680	....	....	35	3	21	140	44	6	50	5	1	1	2	1	1	....	....	642	20	......
Burr Oak	....	85	1	2	..	....	1	3000	..	......	....	....	....	50	2	18	75	9	3	12	3	1	1	2	1	2	8	....	332	6	2
Butler	49	102	1	6	2	31	1	1000	1	800	9	24	....	10	3	45	240	22	1	23	....	..	..	1	....	1	....	....	575	10	......
Cambria	15	75	1	2	..	23	2	4000	1	600	50	....	275	50	2	20	120	20	3	23	3	1	..	2	2	..	....	11	524	25	2
Camden	18	108	1	2	2	5	2	4450	..	......	50	80	....	70	3	29	140	25	....	25	5	1	..	3	2	1	....	....	351	10	......
Centreville	52	201	4	4	24	33	1	5000	1	800	80	....	....	260	2	29	240	50	5	55	15	3	2	10	8	2	48	....	906	30	35
Coldwater	133	651	1	11	13	83	1	30000	..	......	300	....	....	700	1	36	365	324	76	400	60	9	6	50	40	14	134	150	1725	135	610
Colon	7	113	2	1	..	....	2	6400	..	......	....	....	....	80	3	22	87	30	....	30	2	1	1	....	3	1	5	...	585	14	......
Constantine	20	200	2	9	1	9	2	13000	1	2000	1000	....	....	175	1	23	125	52	8	60	3	1	1	2	5	..	33	....	873	15	......
Gilead	3	56	..	..	..	7	1	1200	..	......	....	....	....	20	1	11	75	15	....	15	....	..	..	....	....	..	25	....	455	3	......
Girard	32	176	..	6	1	12	1	6000	1	1000	5100	....	....	100	2	28	172	35	15	50	2	1	1	2	3	1	28	....	771	30	3
Hillsdale	14	247	4	6	1	2	1	10000	1	2500	484	274	160	339	1	32	333	97	16	113	24	4	2	19	20	8	49	20	1147	50	2
Jonesville	29	214	1	2	1	14	2	6700	..	......	225	....	....	128	4	54	280	14	11	25	2	..	..	2	2	1	9	....	914	10	......
Kinderhook	13	80	1	..	..	....	1	2500	1	700	20	85	....	40	3	32	109	5	....	5	2	2	2	1	....	1	....	11	579	10	2
North Adams	6	275	..	3	2	26	1	6000	1	1300	20	600	70	251	1	25	185	63	47	110	10	3	3	8	9	3	56	....	984	50	......
Osseo	7	46	..	4	..	....	2	4000	1	700	30	50	150	45	1	12	60	8	....	8	....	..	..	....	....	..	9	....	526	7	......
Quincy	148	279	2	4	4	82	2	9000	1	1800	560	....	240	....	3	41	275	76	24	100	25	4	3	21	14	6	....	....	1035	50	410
Ransom	12	104	..	..	..	....	3	4000	1	550	50	....	....	100	2	30	203	20	....	20	2	1	..	1	2	1	20	....	548	8	5
Reading	49	103	..	1	..	....	1	1500	1	1000	250	....	50	65	1	16	102	30	5	35	5	1	1	2	2	1	4	....	541	8	......
Sturgis	12	220	..	4	2	4	1	8500	1	1500	159	....	50	200	2	18	190	83	15	98	16	3	2	15	9	4	27	4	1116	55	7
Union City	6	161	1	1	..	6	1	14000	1	1200	50	....	....	205	1	24	175	39	11	50	10	2	2	8	6	2	60	8	1034	16	......
White Pigeon	36	159	1	1	..	48	2	4000	1	1000	....	....	....	100	2	23	169	35	5	40	9	2	2	8	10	1	42	14	831	20	......
Wheatland	18	61	1	..	..	....	2	1600	..	......	....	....	....	50	2	20	128	15	6	21	2	1	..	2	....	1	....	....	427	17	3
TOTAL	771	4159	28	76	54	438	41	162766	17	19050	9367	1813	995	3303	50	669	4308	1164	266	1430	223	44	33	169	144	55	547	218	19294	634	1082

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NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFER'NCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Allen	A. Hunsberger	650	533	117	47	45	10	4	20	7
Athen	W. J. Tarrant	525	475	50	28	28	7	7	16	8
Bronson	L. S. Mathews	725	725	......	52	52	11	4	30	20
Burlington	D. L. Thomas	575	590	......	48	48	11	4	35	20
Burr Oak	Wm. M. Paddock	500	300	200	36	30	5	2	20	6
Butler	W. J. Belfrey	600	525	75	49	49	10	1	35	10
Cambria	W. C. Muffitt	400	475	......	44	44	8	5	25	25
Camden	R. M. Young	400	310	90	36	36	8	5	25	10
Centreville	J. F. Orwick	750	830	......	68	68	16	8	50	30
Coldwater	W. A. Hunsberger	......	1560	......	140	140	25	25	125	135
Colon	E. D. Young	604	533	71	47	47	10	5	30	14
Constantine	S. C. Strickland	800	800	......	68	68	......	5	......	15
Gilead	S. George	425	425	......	28	28	......	2	......	3
Girard	T. Nicholson	800	700	100	65	65	14	6	44	30
Hillsdale	G. C. Draper	1000	1066	......	67	67	14	14	48	50
Jonesville	L. W. Earl	992	913	79	......	......	......	1	......	10
Kinderhook	J. R. Skinner	650	533	117	44	44	8	2	30	10
North Adams	L. E. Lennox	900	900	......	70	70	15	14	50	50
Osseo	A. Potter	500	487	13	......	37	......	2	......	7
Quincy	E. L. Kellogg	950	850	......	70	70	15	15	50	50
Ransom	M. J. Brownell	600	493	107	50	50	9	5	25	8
Reading	J. T. Iddings	500	500	......	40	40	1	1	12	8
Sturgis	W. Denman	1025	1025	......	77	77	16	14	55	55
Union City	J. W. H. Carlisle	970	970	......	56	56	12	8	40	16
White Pigeon	W. H. Williams	750	769	......	54	54	11	8	35	20
Wheatland	J. S. Ward	400	400	......	24	24	6	3	17	17
TOTAL		16991	17787	1019	1308	1337	242	170	712	634

STATISTICS FOR KALAMAZOO DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1888.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Chs. & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	For Missions From Churches.	For Missions From S. Schools.	For Missions Total.	For Board of Church Extensions.	For SundaySchool Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	OTHER COLLECTIONS.
Allegan	10	126	1	3	3	2	1	3000	1	1200	205	....	348	155	1	17	150	28	5	33	4	2	1	2	6	2	...	....	841	15	15
Augusta	2	140	..	1	..	..	2	6500	1	1600	30	35	500	100	4	30	200	12	8	50	2	1	.	3	2	1	25	....	683	10	......
Banfield	11	95	..	1	1	12	2	4000	1	600	35	....	131	50	3	20	120	20	..	20	....	1	1	5	2	..	..	....	484	6	......
Bloomingdale	33	304	..	2	..	38	3	5200	1	750	700	650	100	100	4	44	300	27	16	43	3	1	1	3	4	1	...	...	762	18	......
Climax	13	147	..	3	..	....	2	10000	1	1800	25	....	....	120	2	28	150	60	20	80	6	2	1	5	5	2	95	....	921	20	5
Comstock	1	76	..	1	.	3	1	3000	1	900	....	...	...	75	2	22	60	45	8	53	2	.	1	1	4	..	...	....	540	13	......
Cooper	5	105	..	3	..	..	1	3800	1	600	35	...	..	100	2	20	125	30	9	39	3	1	1	3	4	2	29	....	600	10	......
Douglass	21	63	..	..	5	30	1	2000	..	......	60	....	....	48	2	15	91	20	2	22	4	2	1	3	2	3	...	...	396	10	2
Fennville	17	106	1	1	..	5	2	3900	1	950	950	...	...	60	3	28	194	60	....	60	11	2	2	10	7	2	....	....	627	25	3
Galesburg	9	180	2	4	..	2	1	14000	1	600	..	....	....	217	1	20	275	60	10	70	5	1	1	5	5	1	72	28	762	14	10
Gobleville	3	30	..	..	.	2	..	......	..	......	....	....	....	....	1	10	67	2	....	2	....	..	..	...	....	..	....	....	170	1	......
Kalamazoo, First Church	42	569	3	4	1	6	1	52000	..	......	...	....	....	1278	1	56	401	205	120	325	70	8	6	64	35	12	113	214	2020	180	275
" Simpson "	14	118	..	2	..	7	1	3500	..	......	178	....	....	84	1	27	155	20	20	40	8	2	1	5	10	4	43	50	985	20	97
Wendall	9	47	..	1	..	....	1	2100	1	300	150	....	75	30	1	11	65	2	....	2	1	.	..	....	2	..	....	....	529	9	......
Lacota	13	110	..	2	..	1	2	3000	1	750	170	....	....	60	1	11	115	28	12	40	3	1	1	2	4	1	....	....	630	18	4
Martin	43	180	1	3	8	28	2	4600	1	1000	....	...	....	100	2	32	210	17	90	107	6	1	1	5	8	1	87	....	760	40	28
Mendon	13	200	.	1	..	5	2	3500	1	1600	....	100	....	150	2	20	97	25	41	69	3	1	1	10	13	2	41	....	984	25	3
Millgrove	4	22	1	1	..	1	1	1200	..	......	109	....	....	10	1	8	25	2	....	2	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	183	3	......
Monteray	7	66	..	1	2	1	1	1500	1	150	....	...	...	25	4	25	100	8	....	8	....	..	..	....	1	..	...	....	410	8	1
Oshtemo	....	74	..	1	2	....	1	2000	1	800	....	....	....	75	4	16	150	8	5	13	3	1	1	4	2	..	30	....	474	15	......
Otsego	79	345	2	6	19	27	2	4000	1	1000	322	...	....	115	2	32	350	113	33	146	28	4	2	22	14	6	93	50	1017	125	......
Portville	...	139	..	..	..	....	2	700	1	600	...	....	...	75	3	29	120	11	3	14	2	1	1	2	4	1	31	....	590	10	......
Plainwell	64	165	..	4	..	13	1	5000	1	600	35	....	....	160	1	26	247	37	48	85	14	3	2	17	11	6	107	...	977	45	15
Prairieville	2	115	..	4	1	8	2	4500	1	500	20	....	....	40	1	12	80	44	....	44	6	1	1	10	6	2	80	....	733	15	......
Portage	6	16	1	..	..	1	.	......	..	......	....	....	....	4	3	21	94	8	....	3	2	1	..	1	1	1	....	....	240	5	1
Richland	15	121	2	..	..	6	2	7500	1	1000	1500	..	2500	150	4	50	221	10	7	17	1	1	.	1	1	1	38	....	811	10	......
Saugatuck	22	71	1	2	..	5	1	1500	..	......	46	100	....	100	1	17	90	22	8	30	4	1	1	4	3	1	....	...	545	42	2
Schoolcraft	8	104	..	1	3	5	1	1000	1	1600	....	73	...	154	1	19	100	52	11	63	3	1	1	3	3	1	50	...	784	29	......
South Haven	20	280	.	7	..	19	2	5000	1	1000	215	245	44	290	2	25	250	71	31	102	16	2	3	16	10	4	67	...	1041	40	......
Three Rivers	7	247	1	4	4	....	1	25000	1	3000	2800	...	300	210	1	23	125	98	52	150	3	2	2	2	3	1	130	88	1119	70	......

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		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Allegan	J. B. Whitford	768	768	......	68	68	12	5	33	15
Augusta	W. A. Bass	675	625	50	57	53	11	5	33	10
Banfield	D. W. Fow	550	440	110	50	44	10	......	21	6
Bloomingdale	O. S. Paddock	700	700	......	56	56	12	6	31	18
Climax	L. W. Calkins	875	835	40	74	74	15	12	55	20
Comstock	W. F. Harding	500	500	......	47	38	7	4	20	13
Cooper	C. H. Fisher	600	550	50	48	48	......	2	......	10
Douglass	H. C. Densmore	400	363	37	28	28	5	5	10	10
Fennville	R. N. Middleton	650	575	75	51	47	8	5	25	25
Galesburg	H. Bargelt	665	710	......	57	57	14	5	46	14
Goblesville	W. W. Allen	......	170	......	......	......	......	......	......	1
Kalamazoo, First Church	L. Master	1800	1860	......	180	180	40	40	180	180
" Simpson Church	E. T. Lumber	900	900	......	76	76	9	9	20	20
Kendall	R. W. Tindall	500	487	13	43	41	7	1	18	9
Lacota	R. Shire	600	570	30	51	51	9	9	30	18
Martin	S. D. McKee	700	700	......	55	55	10	5	55	40
Mendon	E. V. Armstrong	900	900	......	76	76	14	8	53	25
Millgrove	I. W. Wallace	200	176	24	17	7	3	......	5	3
Monteray	J. C. Chase	530	367	163	45	40	7	3	15	8
Oshtemo	E. H. Day	550	450	100	40	20	8	4	15	15
Otsego	G. B. Kulp	925	925	......	79	79	13	13	56	125
Parkville	Geo. Donaldson	550	550	......	48	37	9	3	26	10
Plainwell	J. W. Rawlinson	898	898	......	68	68	11	11	45	45
Prairieville	O. H. Perry	700	675	25	60	52	11	6	30	15
Portage	S. Trewin	......	229	......	......	10	3	1	10	5
Richland	S. Kitzmiller	1000	750	250	60	58	10	3	20	10
Saugatuck	Arthur Trott	500	500	......	42	42	6	3	15	12
Schoolcraft	W. J. Maybee	700	731	......	60	52	11	1	45	29
South Haven	A. T. Ferguson	950	950	......	81	81	14	10	55	40
Three Rivers	J. W. Reid	1000	1000	......	100	100	20	19	75	70
Vicksburg	W. P. French	750	750	......	60	60	11	......	45	10
Waukeshma	E. G. Stevens	575	575	......	50	50	8	8	25	25
Nottawa and Bradley Indian Mission	John Walker	......	125	......	......	6	......	......	......	......
TOTAL	......	21611	21234	967	1827	1754	328	208	1102	856

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Chs. & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For SundaySchool Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	FOR COLLECTIONS.
Bangor and Breedsville	6	116	..	..	1	2	2	2500	1	700	40	400	....	100	1	12	120	20	10	30	2	..	..	2	2	..	....	....	668	10	1
Benton Harbor	12	251	1	4	5	11	1	1000	..	......	1400	619	700	200	1	25	203	23	37	60	5	1	2	6	....	..	26	30	1062	25	105
Berrien Springs	5	99	..	1	..	1	2	3500	1	1000	100	...	...	100	2	27	130	26	19	45	5	1	1	3	9	1	45	....	685	25	10
Buchanan	9	173	..	3	..	8	1	3000	1	1200	208	160	35	150	1	22	150	14	61	75	15	3	2	12	13	2	50	10	1024	30	10
Cassopolis	13	138	1	2	2	25	2	7000	1	1500	360	...	....	96	3	34	230	28	12	40	3	1	1	2	3	2	....	....	926	21	3
Coloma and Watervliet	10	131	..	1	..	1	2	4000	1	1500	150	14	200	156	4	30	225	24	6	30	5	1	1	5	12	1	13	8	665	10	......
Dayton and Galien	11	70	1	1	..	1	3	4000	1	500	....	...	250	75	3	28	240	5	3	8	2	1	1	2	1	..	....	....	413	5	......
Decatur	10	170	..	4	..	6	2	6000	..	......	160	....	....	62	3	33	200	45	5	50	8	2	1	8	1	1	36	10	774	15	......
Dowagiac	2	187	..	4	2	2	1	4000	..	......	75	....	....	150	1	19	130	54	24	78	10	2	1	10	2	2	35	15	992	26	10
Eau Claire & Pipe Stone	....	88	1	2	..	3	2	2400	..	......	90	149	278	60	1	5	50	7	6	13	....	..	..	....	....	..	13	....	485	7	......
Edwardsburg	7	110	..	2	..	1	2	2200	1	1000	30	....	....	100	2	31	150	30	32	62	12	1	1	6	3	2	....	9	642	30	......
Hartford	13	86	..	2	1	2	1	3000	.	......	....	80	60	75	1	15	60	5	....	5	....	2	1	....	3	..	....	....	499	3	......
Keeler and Silver Creek	....	89	..	3	..	1	3	5000	1	600	....	....	....	75	2	20	90	28	4	32	2	1	1	2	2	..	....	....	713	8	3
Lawton	1	104	..	..	1	1	1	2000	1	700	15	....	....	50	1	17	70	10	8	18	4	..	..	4	....	..	....	....	628	5	......
Lawrence	18	107	1	3	..	....	1	2000	1	400	1400	....	800	30	1	14	92	22	...	22	12	..	..	4	5	..	....	....	539	25	......
Marcellus	97	172	1	3	15	60	2	2500	1	1000	370	....	30	175	3	26	175	40	....	40	6	1	1	5	1	1	17	....	756	20	400
Mattawan	10	101	..	1	..	....	3	5000	1	300	12	....	....	50	3	25	120	20	....	20	....	..	..	....	6	..	....	1	424	20	......
NewBuffalo&ThreeOaks	6	175	2	2	..	6	4	6000	1	300	30	....	...	125	4	45	225	15	20	35	1	..	1	1	3	1	....	....	662	2	12
Niles	26	256	1	8	3	2	2	13300	1	2500	192	329	1200	285	3	50	370	84	64	148	20	3	2	20	10	5	56	5	1076	65	7
Paw Paw	23	123	1	2	..	11	1	8000	1	800	50	....	....	125	1	20	175	42	....	42	2	1	.	1	1	..	16	....	869	20	......
Pokagon	5	226	1	4	1	3	5	7500	1	400	220	30	30	250	5	43	300	43	22	65	5	1	1	4	4	2	30	47	823	30	......
St. Joseph	22	261	1	3	8	22	1	15000	1	3500	1500	....	...	459	1	36	300	130	78	208	20	6	4	15	5	7	44	....	1334	57	......
Stevensville	40	128	2	1	..	21	2	2600	1	600	225	....	.	80	5	57	300	38	....	38	1	1	1	1	4	..	....	....	697	15	90
Vandalia	....	117	..	..	..	....	4	7500	1	1000	8	36	650	50	4	50	215	5	....	5	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	554	2	......
TOTAL	346	3452	14	56	39	190	50	128000	19	19500	6635	1817	4233	3072	55	684	4380	758	411	1169	140	29	23	113	90	27	381	135	17910	476	651

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFER'NCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Bangor and Breedsville	W. H. Parsons	625	625	......	40	40	10	3	30	10
Benton Harbor	E. B. Patterson	900	1000	......	56	56	......	6	......	25
Berrien Springs	W. J. Hathaway	700	630	70	58	52	6	3	30	25
Buchanan	S. L. Hamilton	950	950	......	66	66	8	8	40	30
Cassopolis	J. Wilson	875	875	......	46	46	6	5	20	21
Coloma and Watervliet	G. A. Buell	800	620	180	60	42	......	3	40	10
Dayton and Galien	J. R. Oden	536	376	160	42	36	5	1	20	5
Decatur	J. White	743	709	34	68	61	6	4	30	15
Dowagiac	C. G. Thomas	920	920	......	66	66	9	6	32	26
Eau Claire and Pipe Stone	S. S. Slyter	555	442	113	42	40	8	3	25	7
Edwardsburg	H. C. Chamberlin	613	570	43	65	65	7	7	30	30
Hartford	W. W. Lamport	552	475	77	46	24	......	......	25	3
Keeler and Silver Creek	G. W. Gosling	650	650	......	70	57	6	6	25	8
Lawton	U. Mason	675	592	83	40	35	5	1	9	5
Lawrence	W. N. Younglove	650	502	148	37	37	5	......	25	25
Marcellus	W. Prouty	800	700	100	51	51	......	5	20	20
Mattawan	G. C. Elliott	400	400	......	......	24	......	......	......	20
New Buffalo and Three Oaks	W. J. Wilson	600	600	......	56	56	6	6	30	2
Niles	A. A. Knappen	1200	1000	200	120	64	12	12	85	65
Paw Paw	J. H. Fanner	800	800	......	65	65	......	4	......	20
Pokagon	E. Tench	750	750	......	65	65	8	8	60	30
St. Joseph	M. D. Carrel	1230	1230	......	100	100	......	4	......	......
Stevensville	J. E. Arney	500	650	......	42	42	5	5	15	15
Vandalia	C. S. Fox	600	525	75	46	29	......	......	......	2
TOTAL		18591	16591	1288	1247	1219	107	100	591	419

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preacher.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Chs. & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses, (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	OTHER COLLECTIONS.
Ada	2	87	..	2	..	....	1	1700	..	......	25	....	....	25	1	9	37	7	8	10	3	1	1	2	1	1	....	....	432	9	2
Ashland	5	141	1	1	1	9	1	3000	1	400	100	218	1406	20	1	12	80	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	440	....	....
Berlin and Lamont	1	90	..	..	..	2	2	7000	2	800	150	..	..	100	2	20	145	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	575	....	....
Byron and Dorr	17	153	3	2	..	7	2	3200	1	800	17	350	....	96	2	24	190	42	36	78	7	2	1	3	6	2	....	....	782	19	....
Caledonia	3	112	..	4	..	1	3	4000	1	800	8	256	....	50	4	42	225	20	....	20	2	..	..	3	3	1	....	..	591	10	1
Cannonsburg	....	69	1	1	..	....	3	5200	1	1000	85	....	....	100	3	20	70	16	....	16	3	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	638	8	....
Casnovia	7	69	1	1	..	....	2	3000	1	1000	200	600	....	40	2	18	120	9	1	10	....	..	..	1	4	..	6	....	507	18	....
Cedar Springs	15	118	..	..	..	3	2	6000	1	1500	150	45	....	140	2	25	175	32	19	51	....	1	.	10	2	..	23	....	860	12	6
Coopersville	5	67	..	1	..	3	2	4500	1	500	......	20	20	69	3	21	178	7	38	45	10	2	1	7	5	2	21	....	657	....	20
Grand Haven	..	70	..	5	1	1	..	3000	1	960	......	....	500	22	1	11	80	10	....	10	1	..	.	....	1	..	27	....	661	5	2
Grand Rapids, Ames Ch.	8	182	..	2	6	15	1	5000	..	......	......	229	850	204	1	27	225	8	13	21	3	1	..	3	3	.	17	....	985	15	....
" " Division St. "	25	525	..	6	11	9	1	55000	..	....	......	....	....	1850	1	46	305	260	241	501	100	5	5	90	30	18	420	45	2935	211	75
" " East St. "	3	169	..	3	4	1	1	7000	..	......	....	..	....	184	2	28	255	69	17	86	15	3	2	12	9	6	49	....	1056	49	....
" " Plainfield Ave.	3	116	..	..	9	2	1	4000	..	....	20	468	...	146	1	26	220	9	4	13	2	1	1	1	1	1	14	.	807	8	....
" " Second St. Ch.	37	405	2	4	5	3	1	40000	1	3500	100	....	....	600	2	30	415	112	38	150	12	3	2	14	15	5	75	12	1704	50	....
Grandville	40	109	1	2	..	25	1	2000	1	800	152	54	48	90	3	28	240	25	10	35	3	1	..	10	1	..	....	..	623	10	10
Hastings	8	250	..	2	..	1	1	5000	1	2000	518	....	....	172	1	26	316	124	21	145	10	3	2	10	21	4	59	21	1069	64	....
Hastings Circuit	20	137	1	2	..	11	1	1200	..	......	1200	....	....	25	4	35	250	22	1	23	5	1	1	5	..	1	22	....	554	12	....
Holland	2	75	1	1	3	....	1	3000	1	1000	200	....	....	100	1	19	155	10	26	36	5	1	1	4	4	3	12	....	644	13	21
Irving	....	95	1	3	1	2	1	3000	1	1000	......	..	....	.	4	21	173	10	...	10	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	526	11	....
Middleville	9	141	..	1	..	3	1	2500	1	1000	68	....	....	67	3	37	224	27	26	53	2	1	1	3	...	.	10	...	755	18	3
Muskegon	46	370	3	5	15	13	2	44000	1	4000	29040	....	560	735	3	60	725	150	30	180	40	5	2	40	25	10	15	26	1965	100	400
Newaygo	....	40	1	..	2	2	1	2000	1	1000	......	...	....	13	1	10	50	10	5	15	1	1	1	10	1	..	...	..	582	7	....
North Muskegon	1	31	..	..	..	....	1	2500	..	......	314	....	57	20	2	16	150	6	...	6	1	..	..	2	....	1	1	....	548	3	....
Nunica	....	10	..	..	..	....	1	1500	..	......	250	.	....	2	1	9	55	3	.	3	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	38	1	....
Ravenna	5	62	..	1	2	6	1	800	1	150	60	..	....	17	..	....	....	4	6	10	..	..	..	....	6	..	..	....	320	3	....
Rockford	....	135	..	6	..	1	2	6400	1	800	100	....	...	156	1	14	109	30	4	34	5	1	1	5	3	1	..	....	772	13	....
Sparta	4	134	..	2	..	3	2	4500	1	1500	......	....	..	100	2	18	200	30	15	45	8	1	1	1	1	1	31	...	790	10	1
Spring Lake	15	100	..	..	5	7	1	3500	1	700	......	....	..	45	2	30	230	23	22	45	3	..	.	2	6	1	..	....	746	18	10
Wayland	17	88	..	1	..	1	1	1500	1	500	...	....	....	35	2	18	80	6	4	10	....	..	..	....	1	1	2	....	377	5	...

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Ada	J. H. Bennett	500	400	100	30	30	2	2	9	9
Ashland	T. S. Frey	500	400	100	40	40				
Berlin and Lamont	J. B. Knott	570	515	55	60	60				
Byron and Dorr	J. W. Horner	700	700		70	70	12	12	43	19
Caledonia	A. S. Williams	550	550		40	40	8	1	23	10
Cannonsburg	C. R. Crosby	600	575	25	60	60	8	3	23	8
Casnovia	G. E. Hollister	575	469	106	44	37	7	1	23	18
Cedar Springs	J. W. Davids	800	800		60	58		2		12
Coopersville	J. E. White	800	600	200	50	50	9	7	24	20
Grand Haven	Wm. Jennings	650	626	24	35	35	4		11	5
Grand Rapids, Ames Church	J. G. Crozier	1000	940	60	40	40	11	5	33	15
" " Division Street Church	J. Graham	2800	2800		290	290	45	15	190	211
" " East Street Church	Delos Cronk	1000	1000		45	45	11	11	38	49
" " Plainfield Ave. Church	W. M. Puffer	750	765		40	40		2		8
" " Second Street Church	J. A. Sprague	1400	1560		125	125	19	19	64	50
Grandville	A. K. Stewart	575	575		45	45	3	3	17	10
Hastings	G. D. Lee	950	950		100	100	19	19	64	64
Hastings Circuit	W. G. Rowland	565	515	50	36	36	8	3	23	12
Holland	H. D. Jordon	700	600	100	40	40	8	4	25	13
Irving	J. H. Emmons	500	480	20	48	46	6		28	11
Middleville	T. T. George	700	700		50	50	10	5	33	18
Muskegon	W. J. Aldrich	1800	1800		140	140	25	25	100	100
Newaygo	J. W. Buell	600	550	50	30	30	3	3	10	7
North Muskegon	C. J. Sonnema	500	527		20	20	1	1	6	3
Nunica	M. M. Miner		30		12	8				1
Ravenna	T. R. Rible	335	290	45	30	30	2		12	3
Rockford	Geo. Varion	700	700		60	60	12	12	35	13
Sparta	A. J. Wheeler	725	725		64	64	10	1	26	10
Spring Lake	W. A. Frye	700	700		45	45	4	1	20	18
Wayland	J. N. Dayton	550	350	200	40	26	5	1	13	5
West Olive	N. L. Brockway				25	25			6	6
TOTAL		22895	21992	1135	1814	1785	251	188	899	728

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Belding	5	57	..	..	..	1	2	3300	..	......	1400	....	300	20	2	18	100	17	3	20	2	1	1	1	3	1	....	....	387	7	12
Bowne	12	148	2	3	..	10	3	6425	1	945	120	....	....	85	3	27	180	38	18	56	2	1	1	3	4	1	12	....	679	27	7
Carson City	12	182	2	2	..	3	2	6000	1	1500	1000	....	500	180	2	29	195	17	38	55	5	1	1	3	5	1	14	60	866	28	....
Coral	40	109	2	6	..	1	1	2000	1	275	25	189	....	50	4	39	252	8	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	..	....	....	591	6	1
Danby	20	141	1	3	..	38	3	6800	1	700	......	....	200	105	3	30	268	40	....	40	5	1	1	4	5	1	....	....	715	21	4
Edmore	25	105	7	..	7	20	2	5000	..	......	......	150	500	150	2	22	180	7	...	7	2	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	840	3	....
Freeport	19	73	..	2	..	2	2	3000	..	100	16	....	400	60	3	28	190	5	5	10	...	..	..	....	2	..	....	....	354	6	2
Greenville	24	298	1	9	2	6	1	......	1	3200	7500	....	....	200	1	25	240	69	51	120	28	6	3	22	12	9	71	18	1270	62	9
Greenville Circuit	5	100	2	..	..	5	4	5000	..	......	10	....	....	75	4	45	205	7	5	12	2	1	1	2	5	1	15	21	550	6	3
Hubbardston	7	110	..	4	..	6	3	7000	1	1000	66	....	....	128	2	30	160	25	15	40	3	1	3	3	6	2	....	....	708	8	2
Ionia	25	372	1	9	38	18	1	50000	1	3500	150	....	2500	830	1	31	625	110	76	186	42	8	4	32	24	8	58	48	1707	96	14
Lakeview	5	83	1	1	3	8	1	2950	1	1000	15	....	....	85	2	24	160	12	10	22	1	1	1	2	3	1	....	....	739	8	4
Langston	....	....	1	..	..	2	..	......	1	350	20	...	25	...	..	....	....	....	1	1	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	224	6	....
Lowell	25	175	..	3	1	15	1	7000	1	1350	965	12	384	160	2	36	200	34	21	55	10	1	1	9	8	2	41	40	867	21	15
Lyons and Muir	3	90	1	3	..	2	2	6000	1	1000	25	....	..	60	2	26	100	16	4	20	1	..	..	1	...	..	....	....	578	2	....
Orange	13	223	1	2	1	4	3	8000	1	1000	......	....	....	150	3	45	210	80	....	80	5	1	1	6	10	1	24	25	852	38	....
Orleans	23	127	1	4	8	7	2	3500	1	800	40	....	....	40	5	50	240	60	1	61	8	1	1	8	5	2	27	....	563	30	....
Palo	3	171	2	1	..	16	2	5000	1	500	7	....	....	100	2	23	150	30	10	40	2	..	..	5	4	..	....	....	739	12	3
Portland	22	272	..	3	..	17	1	5000	1	2000	50	....	....	75	5	45	375	26	26	52	5	2	1	5	8	2	95	3	1105	30	....
Saranac	5	78	..	1	..	....	2	5000	1	700	50	..	....	50	2	20	100	13	3	16	....	..	..	....	1	..	....	8	465	8	3
Sheridan	13	72	2	..	7	2	2	4000	1	250	100	....	....	75	1	12	45	18	12	30	2	1	1	3	1	2	....	....	538	23	3
Stanton	11	109	..	..	..	13	1	2500	1	1000	.....	....	....	80	1	20	130	1	....	1	....	..	3	....	7	1	....	....	740	1	....
Vergennes and Keene	1	90	1	1	..	....	2	40 0	1	200	10	11	....	30	4	30	150	26	14	40	2	1	1	2	2	1	60	....	525	14	3
Woodland	11	144	1	1	3	1	3	5600	1	800	550	300	50	175	4	46	200	27	3	30	4	1	1	3	4	2	30	....	726	20	4
TOTAL	329	3329	29	58	70	187	46	152875	20	22170	12119	662	4859	2963	60	701	4658	686	318	1004	112	30	27	115	120	38	447	223	17328	483	89

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAME OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Belding	Norman E. Gibbs	400	360	40	25	25	5	2	18	7
Bowne	A. R. Keillor	675	625	50	60	51	10	3	35	27
Carson City	E. H. King	800	800		60	60	13	6	40	28
Coral	J. A. Weyant	550	550		40	40		1		6
Danby	J. W. Arney	650	650		56	56	9	9	21	21
Edmore	O. J. Golden	800	800		40	40	10		22	3
Freeport	J. H. Deysinger	500	316	184	36	35	7	3	22	6
Greenville	L. Grosenbaugh	1150	1150		102	102	18	18	62	62
Greenville Circuit	J. T. Glover	600	500	100	52	49		1		6
Hubbardston	Albert Smith	680	660	20	52	46	9	2	30	8
Ionia	A. M. Gould	1550	1550		130	130	27	27	96	96
Lakeview	Wm. Judd	700	700		38	38	8	1	26	8
Langston	P. S. Haney	300	202	98	20	20	6	2		6
Lowell	A. T. Luther	800	800		55	55	13	12	39	21
Lyons and Muir	T. H. Jacokes	600	556	44	45	22				2
Orange	O. E. Wightman	800	775	25	68	67	19	10	42	38
Orleans	F. A. Van De Walker	585	506	79	56	50	10	7	30	30
Palo	F. N. Janes	700	675	25	60	60	10	4	36	12
Portland	J. W. Hallenbeck	1200	1000	200	100	100		5		30
Saranac	D. C. Woodard	575	418	157	55	43	8	4	26	8
Sheridan	Aug. F. Nagler	550	495	55	41	41	7	2	23	23
Stanton	J. J. McAllister	900	700	200	60	40	10		36	1
Vergennes and Keene	A. W. Burns	600	480	120	61	45				14
Woodland	L. M. Garlick	700	675	25	46	46	10	5	35	20
TOTAL		19365	15943	1422	1358	1261	209	124	639	483

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses, (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For SundaySchool Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	OTHER COLLECTIONS.
Alma	37	127	2	2	1	14	2	5500	..	....	......	....	276	142	2	29	228	27	13	40	7	..	1	7	2	3	....	....	706	20	....
Bath	26	141	.	1	..	1	2	3600	1	700	55	....	....	80	2	23	140	15	7	22	3	1	2	2	2	1	21	....	506	13	4
Breckenridge	25	72	..	1	..	....	1	2000	1	500	20	50	...	50	2	19	162	16	5	21	2	1	1	2	1	1	....	...	417	18	40
Charlotte	20	284	1	2	1	28	1	6500	1	1500	....	....	....	150	1	30	225	71	33	104	4	2	3	3	7	2	88	60	1361	67	10
DeWitt	45	104	1	.	..	3	3	5000	1	500	1295	....	1200	....	5	32	225	13	....	13	2	1	1	1	....	..	42	...	641	26	....
Eagle	4	68	.	2	2	3	1	1800	1	1000	185	....	300	60	3	26	170	24	10	34	2	..	..	6	4	..	....	25	556	13	1
Eaton Circuit	49	121	1	3	..	14	2	2780	.	....	......	50	...	60	2	32	171	25	....	25	....	..	..	....	3	..	....	..	372	20	...
Eaton Rapids	8	380	1	4	..	....	1	15000	1	1000	150	....	.	200	1	25	212	100	26	126	4	3	2	4	7	2	56	20	1426	50	....
Elm Hall	6	80	1		..	....	1	2000	.	....	......	....	250	...	3	25	200	6	...	6	...	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	424	....	....
Elsie	34	237	2	3	1	27	3	6800	1	1200	590	436	950	160	3	33	275	79	25	104	10	1	1	7	9	2	84	20	921	50	15
Fowler	6	38	..	1	..	1	1	1200	..	..	......	....	...	30	3	18	76	5	....	5	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	290	2	....
Grand Ledge	8	65	2	2	1	....	1	5000	1	1150	950	....	400	85	1	14	150	18	..	18	....	.	..	....	....	..	26	....	744	8	....
Gresham	15	85	2	1	..	...	2	5000	..	.....	130	....	...	75	1	12	80	8	6	14	2	1	1	1	2	1	12	...	440	12	3
Ithaca	15	127	2	2	4	1	2	3900	1	800	10	140	525	75	1	15	130	46	....	46	3	1	1	1	6	..	25	10	859	15	50
Lansing Central	36	383	8	3	6	5	1	23500	1	2000	975	....	....	700	1	33	361	114	66	180	30	8	4	22	21	11	58	154	1655	96	....
Lansing First	11	107	..	2	2	2	1	5000	1	2000	10	....	....	110	1	16	115	20	8	28	8	2	2	5	14	2	....	....	910	17	....
Maple Rapids and Greenbush	13	163	2	3	2	....	2	3100	1	1500	330	....	150	100	4	30	200	30	....	30	5	1	1	5	3	1	....	....	968	20	5
Mason	12	310	..	6	5	16	1	6000	1	1500	50	...	....	190	2	57	378	145	40	185	12	1	2	8	5	9	....	....	1300	50	11
Nashville	4	145	1	1	..	3	2	7000	.	.....	......	165	99	113	2	31	171	54	6	60	1	1	1	1	6	1	..	....	620	20	48
Okemos	1	155	3	5	..	....	2	3400	1	1000	56	....	....	75	4	53	441	42	8	50	3	1	1	3	7	1	35	....	632	18	....
Ovid	8	249	1	1	1	11	1	4500	1	1500	100	...	....	208	1	24	240	118	50	168	24	5	3	19	10	7	80	58	1246	98	....
Potterville	12	129	2	1	1	9	2	7000	1	1300	50	....	....	175	2	35	150	66	6	72	8	3	1	3	5	2	....	....	970	46	150
St. Johns	20	240	.	3	..	8	1	5000	1	1500	60	371	100	200	1	27	281	52	59	111	26	5	3	21	12	8	8	50	1132	56	5
St. Louis	5	123	.	5	4	4	1	3200	1	800	......	..	....	100	1	23	193	27	8	35	3	1	1	3	5	1	15	...	885	17	....
Shepardsville	6	124	..	4	4	8	2	4000	1	600	69	279	....	90	2	20	107	50	9	59	8	1	1	6	7	2	74	11	728	30	1
Sickles	20	108	2	1	2	8	1	1800	.	.....	......	162	80	40	4	45	238	3	2	5	....	.	..	....	3	..	....	...	336	15	....
Vermontville	22	191	2	2	1	24	2	4300	1	1000	415	100	...	135	2	29	156	62	13	75	13	3	2	11	4	4	....	...	874	50	....
Wacousta & DeltaCentre	3	124	.	5	..	10	3	5500	.	...	100	250	50	40	2	20	150	41	...	41	3	.	..	4	5	2	11	....	522	21	21
Winfield	25	157	1	3	3	10	3	5000	1	800	12	400	100	175	3	33	150	45	6	51	6	2	1	10	7	3	....	....	745	35	....
TOTAL	490	4667	37	69	41	210	48	154386	21	23556	5612	2403	4480	3618	62	809	5775	1322	406	1728	189	45	36	154	157	66	636	408	23176	964	364

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		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Alma	A. T. Hart	650	650	.....	46	46	11	10	34	20
Bath	W. J. Swift	565	460	105	44	44	5	2	31	13
Breckenridge	T. J. Young	400	385	15	30	30	5	2	18	18
Charlotte	C. L. Barnhart	1240	1240	......	100	100	21	21	67	67
DeWitt	John Full	600	600	......	41	41	7	......	24	26
Eagle	A. H. Sturgis	525	555	.....	30	30	5	1	16	13
Eaton Circuit	L. A. Kinyon	325	340	....	30	30	8	2	27	20
Eaton Rapids	David Engle	1300	1300	.....	106	106	20	20	90	50
Elm Hall	H. E. Hughes	400	400	...	24	24	6	......	18	1
Elsie	G. L. Mount	850	831	19	81	81	17	9	53	50
Fowler	J. R. Bowen	450	270	180	28	19	3	1	10	2
Grand Ledge	J. W. Peach	704	700	4	44	44	7	......	23	8
Gresham	E. A. Boynton	500	394	106	40	42	7	4	21	12
Ithaca	C. A. Jacokes	800	800	......	54	54	......	5	......	15
Lansing Central	M. M. Callen	1500	1500	.....	128	128	27	27	86	96
Lansing First	W. M. Colby	850	850	......	46	44	9	6	27	17
Maple Rapids and Greenbush	I. H. Tallman	875	875	......	80	80	13	13	....	20
Mason	L. DeLamater	1205	1205	......	85	85	10	10	60	50
Nashville	Robert Bramfit	650	564	86	55	55	12	1	33	20
Okemos	John Dobson	600	575	25	52	52	13	5	41	18
Ovid	P. J. Maveety	1150	1150	......	80	80	16	16	51	98
Pottersville	Thomas Riley	900	900	......	64	64	10	6	35	46
St. Johns	A. D. Newton	1050	1050	......	65	65	17	17	56	56
St. Louis	D. C. Riehl	825	825	.....	56	56	9	4	28	17
Shepardsville	R. S. McGregor	675	675	......	44	44	9	9	29	30
Sickles	J. W. McAllester	300	300	......	36	36	......	......	......	15
Vermontville	J. Thomas	800	800	......	64	64	16	10	50	50
Wacousta and Delta Centre	Thomas Voaden	500	475	25	40	40	7	7	21	21
Winfield	J. W. Steffe	675	699	......	40	40	12	6	39	35
TOTAL		21854	21338	565	1623	1624	302	214	975	904

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																		For Missions													
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Ashton	3	57	..	1	...	...	1	1600	..	......	80	....	....	75	2	17	125	13	....	13	2	1	1	2	1	1	....	....	455	8	....
Big Rapids	14	293	1	2	13	7	1	6000	1	600	250	550	....	225	1	46	489	10	100	110	27	5	2	21	26	6	85	25	1395	65	91
Calkinsville and Isabella Indian Mission	48	112	8	10	20	7	3	2400	1	600	600	....	350	....	3	24	95	16	....	16	3	..	..	....	....	..	....	2	312	9	....
Chase and Baldwin	7	84	..	1	3	6	2	2500	..	......	7	70	590	65	3	22	150	5	....	5	6	1	1	5	3	2	....	....	624	....	....
Chippewa Lake	4	53	1	..	...	2	..	......	1	350	200	....	100	10	2	17	59	5	....	5	1	1	..	1	....	1	....	....	377	3	....
Clare	8	181	..	2	24	29	1	2000	1	1000	......	115	500	65	2	31	170	20	....	20	....	..	..	....	6	..	....	....	614	10	....
Coleman	53	75	1	2	2	3	2	3000	1	1000	920	....	420	....	4	30	195	14	....	14	3	1	..	1	2	1	....	....	542	8	....
Crystal Valley	5	91	1	..	3	7	2	3500	1	400	775	75	....	65	2	14	60	3	2	5	....	..	..	....	....	..	5	....	417	4	....
Evart	32	183	1	..	3	31	2	5000	1	1000	503	70	300	150	2	30	275	30	25	55	14	2	1	11	7	3	29	30	1073	28	105
Freesoil	25	77	1	2	12	13	1	1800	..	......	......	....	200	24	4	54	175	6	....	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	533	3	....
Fremont	6	54	..	1	1	1	1	2000	1	500	19	....	4	25	1	9	80	12	....	12	1	1	..	1	3	1	....	....	367	2	5
Gladwin	12	53	..	20	1	2	2	4000	..	......	......	100	600	50	..	....	....	2	13	15	4	1	1	3	2	1	....	....	396	7	1
Harrison	6	40	1	..	3	...	1	2200	1	400	100	....	50	25	2	12	90	5	10	15	2	1	1	1	1	1	....	....	536	7	....
Hart	4	114	..	2	1	3	2	3500	1	50	260	....	....	....	2	18	148	27	....	27	2	1	1	1	2	1	....	....	701	6	51
Hersey	7	43	1	..	1	7	1	500	..	......	36	....	....	25	3	22	122	5	15	20	2	..	1	1	....	1	....	....	532	10	....
Hesperia	2	52	1	..	...	2	1	1500	1	600	100	...	130	40	1	17	53	6	2	8	1	1	1	4	1	1	....	....	347	8	....
Holton	11	47	1	..	2	10	2	2250	1	200	70	....	90	5	3	25	160	....	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	....	300	1	....
Howard City	11	110	1	..	8	7	1	23000	..	......	300	....	....	75	4	32	260	30	....	30	3	1	2	4	1	1	....	....	683	15	....
Luther	10	47	..	1	4	6	1	2200	1	500	......	....	114	100	1	18	246	15	15	30	7	1	1	5	4	2	27	2	645	14	10
Ludington, 1st Church	15	157	2	1	7	11	1	3500	1	1800	1650	40	600	75	1	25	200	26	27	53	5	2	1	5	7	1	22	....	1011	28	12
Ludington, 4th Ward and Buttersville	3	53	..	1	10	7	2	2600	1	500	......	400	....	10	2	17	232	5	15	20	2	1	..	2	2	1	22	....	673	10	....
Manistee	14	136	..	1	4	3	1	12000	1	2500	......	....	....	225	1	23	245	53	23	76	19	3	2	15	14	8	28	11	1288	38	21
Millbrook	21	50	..	..	...	1	3	3500	1	100	55	40	625	25	3	21	190	10	....	10	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	394	10	....
Montague	19	160	1	3	3	2	2	5500	1	1100	50	50	200	130	2	25	246	30	10	40	5	1	1	5	6	1	75	....	855	10	6
Morley	2	74	1	..	1	3	1	2500	1	500	......	....	300	50	3	16	150	14	10	24	2	1	1	1	1	1	....	....	603	10	....
Mt. Pleasant	8	175	..	4	2	12	1	20000	1	3000	1600	100	1000	250	1	17	135	45	35	80	20	3	2	16	10	5	25	....	1288	40	100
Paris	....	58	1	..	1	...	2	1100	..	......	......	....	....	22	5	39	124	10	....	10	2	1	1	2	2	1	....	....	298	6	9
Pentwater	17	53	..	1	1	...	1	6000	..	......	192	...	....	100	1	15	150	9	17	26	6	1	1	4	7	1	17	....	453	11	....
Pierson	13	119	..	..	...	9	3	4500	1	500	1000	....	....	60	5	43	220	5	12	17	5	1	..	3	1	1	....	....	471	9	....
Reed City	4	129	2	1	1	9	1	5000	1	1000	200	100	900	125	1	21	165	22	8	30	5	1	1	8	5	1	17	....	956	25	21
Sanford	11	46	..	..	...	...	1	2500	..	......	......	....	....	....	5	36	164	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	......	....	....
Shelby	10	160	..	1	3	3	1	4000	1	700	......	70	230	210	1	17	150	28	13	41	4	1	1	3	9	2	40	....	731	15	....
Shepherd	41	112	1	1	1	6	1	2500	..	......	10	100	400	75	4	40	240	5	3	8	1	1	1	1	7	1	....	....	555	2	7
Sherman City	2	75	1	.	1	3	..	......	..	......	......	....	....	....	3	28	125	1	....	1	1	1	..	....	....	..	1	1	221	1	....
Stanwood and Altona	12	107	4	6	2	6	1	600	1	350	50	....	....	10	2	17	50	21	....	21	6	1	1	4	2	1	....	....	333	11	....
Summit and Riverton In-																															

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		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Ashton	E. L. Olde	450	420	30	32	32	3	3	10	8
Big Rapids	F. L. Thompson	1250	1250	......	128	128	17	17	65	65
Calkinsville and Isabella Indian Mission	J. O. Snider	290	270	20	40	40	......	2	......	9
Chase and Baldwin	G. A. Scott	600	580	20	40	40	4	4	12	......
Chippewa Lake	J. H. Strickland	375	348	27	28	28	1	1	5	3
Clare	C. W. Smith	672	572	100	40	40	5	2	18	10
Coleman	George Killeen	575	500	75	40	40	4	2	12	8
Crystal Valley	J. W. Perkins	475	378	97	36	36	3	3	8	4
Evart	G. A. Odlum	1000	1000	......	64	64	9	9	28	28
Freesoil	M. W. Snyder	515	492	23	40	40	4	1	12	3
Fremont	James Roberts	510	345	165	36	21	3	1	10	2
Gladwin	A. H. Coors	360	360	......	36	36	......	......	......	......
Harrison	E. Treadgold	500	500	......	36	36	......	......	7	7
Hart	N. M. Steele	650	650	......	48	48	......	3	......	6
Hersey	W. J. Douglass	520	495	25	36	36	3	1	10	10
Hesperia	J. W. Sutton	375	309	66	36	36	4	2	12	8
Holton	J. A. De Graff	300	275	25	24	24	2	1	6	1
Howard City	J. S. Montgomery	600	630	......	48	48	5	5	15	15
Luther	J. C. Beach	600	600	......	40	40	5	5	14	14
Ludington, 1st Church	G. Daniels	950	950	......	56	56	5	5	30	28
Ludington, 4th Ward and Buttersville Church	H. P. Rankin	640	640	......	32	32	......	1	......	10
Manistee	J. W. Miller	1200	1200	......	76	76	12	12	38	38
Millbrook	F. F. Bliss	550	350	200	48	44	2	......	15	10
Montague	H. S. Taft	900	800	100	56	54	9	1	29	10
Morley	E. F. Newell	600	560	40	40	40	5	3	15	10
Mt. Pleasant	Robert Shorts	1200	1200	......	75	75	13	13	40	40
Paris	Levi Aler	425	272	153	28	24	2	2	6	6
Pentwater	G. D. Chase	410	410	......	40	40	3	3	11	11
Pierson	E. L. Sinclair	485	425	60	48	42	6	4	18	9
Reed City	J. K. Stark	900	900	......	52	52	8	4	25	25
Sanford	Ira A. Scott	495	315	180	32	32	......	......	......	......
Shelby	H. R. Hawley	675	675	......	52	52	8	4	27	15
Shepherd	G. H. Lockhart	700	497	203	56	56	6	2	18	2
Stanwood and Altona	C. L. Fillebrown	400	290	110	40	40	3	3	11	11
Summit and Riverton Indian Mission	C. H. Theobold	500	460	40	40	40	4	3	13	13
White Cloud	J. H. Wilcox	400	430	......	20	20	1	......	3	......
Whitehall	G. L. Haight	1150	1150	......	68	68	12	12	38	40
Farwell	S. C. Tiney	536	536	......	36	36	......	......	7	7
Sherman City	Asa F. Swein	280	200	80	20	20	2	1	5	1
TOTAL		24013	22234	1839	1743	1712	173	185	593	494

STATISTICS FOR GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1888.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses, (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	OTHER COLLECTIONS.
Alba	12	39	..	..	5	11	..	......	..	......	90	....	....	20	2	18	50	....	....	....	1	1	..	2	1	..	....	3	188	6	....
Bear Lake	23	124	3	1	11	14	1	800	1	550	125	....	....	18	3	25	111	10	....	10	3	1	..	2	1	1	....	....	465	6	....
Benzonia	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	......	..	......	......	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	138	....	....
Bellaire	5	42	1	1	..	1	1	4000	1	650	910	....	1620	25	1	11	46	20	1	21	2	1	1	2	1	..	....	....	449	6	1
Boyne	7	109	..	5	7	3	1	600	1	500	100	29	29	26	2	21	159	6	....	6	2	..	..	1	1	..	....	....	496	3	1
Cadillac	6	98	2	..	..	....	1	2500	1	1000	......	....	....	....	1	26	120	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	995	....	....
Cadillac Circuit	14	85	1	..	..	5	2	1540	1	450	893	120	2	50	4	28	90	6	4	10	....	1	3	3	2	1	....	....	419	7	2
Charlevoix	8	128	1	1	3	2	1	3200	1	1800	500	....	....	129	1	18	120	25	5	30	2	1	1	2	2	..	....	....	872	13	....
Cross Village	4	57	..	2	1	2	..	......	1	400	......	148	....	....	2	10	28	2	....	2	1	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	286	1	....
Elk Rapids	6	150	3	1	7	6	3	4400	1	1000	150	...	1200	75	4	38	125	25	....	25	3	3	1	1	1	..	17	....	752	8	....
Fife Lake	15	100	..	3	1	3	2	2800	1	100	99	261	300	37	4	32	193	17	....	17	2	1	1	3	3	1	....	....	503	9	...
Frankfort	7	75	1	3	1	....	2	4000	1	800	......	175	50	100	2	22	125	2	17	19	1	..	..	1	2	1	5	5	688	2	....
Harbor Springs	3	50	..	..	3	8	1	1600	1	500	10	....	150	25	1	10	39	10	....	10	....	..	..	....	3	..	....	....	336	5	....
Inland	10	85	2	2	..	4	1	1200	1	300	......	....	....	....	5	35	114	10	....	10	...	1	..	....	2	..	....	....	287	3	....
Ironton	....	56	..	1	6	11	1	2000	1	500	10	18	100	25	2	16	84	5	....	5	1	1	..	1	1	..	....	....	233	5	....
Kalkaska	8	63	2	..	3	27	1	3500	1	300	500	...	800	50	1	8	110	3	....	3	2	..	..	....	2	..	....	....	492	1	....
Kingsley	27	31	3	2	..	....	1	1500	..	......	......	....	300	12	2	22	90	....	....	....	1	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	93	....	....
Lake City	11	26	1	..	1	5	1	2100	1	800	134	....	....	68	..	....	..	10	....	10	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	730	6	1
Leroy	10	179	2	1	1	12	1	2500	1	500	35	....	....	40	4	45	238	10	4	14	1	1	1	1	6	1	....	....	526	4	1
Mancelona	13	130	1	..	3	8	2	3200	1	800	125	100	500	90	2	26	180	15	6	21	4	1	..	3	3	1	11	....	793	16	16
Manton	8	....	1	..	..	....	1	2000	1	500	200	50	220	60	1	14	110	5	1	6	...	..	..	....	3	..	....	....	544	6	....
Monroe Centre	6	61	1	1	..	5	1	700	1	400	20	....	....	15	3	24	116	11	....	11	2	1	1	2	1	1	8	3	290	5	....
Northport and Northport Indian Mission	13	70	1	3	11	1	2	2400	1	400	80	....	190	31	2	20	80	8	....	8	1	1	..	1	2	..	1	7	485	4	....
Norwood	11	112	3	3	1	10	2	4000	1	700	1210	100	500	50	3	25	150	40	....	40	7	1	1	3	2	1	....	....	794	15	5
Petoskey	8	283	1	1	4	....	1	2000	..	......	......	....	....	200	1	22	147	29	26	55	....	..	..	3	5	..	85	....	967	26	....
Petoskey Indian Mission	28	83	2	4	5	1	2	500	..	......	......	....	....	15	..	....	....	5	...	5	....	..	..	1	....	..	....	....	91	2	....
Sherman	2	77	..	1	..	...	1	2000	1	750	45	....	....	75	2	18	150	6	....	6	4	1	..	2	....	2	34	....	617	5	....
South Arm & East Jordon	15	104	..	2	5	9	1	3000	..	800	500	225	650	100	2	22	100	4	11	15	2	..	..	....	2	..	....	....	676	5	1
Spencer Creek	4	73	3	2	..	35	1	1400	1	500	......	173	321	28	3	16	75	20	3	23	3	1	1	2	4	1	....	....	481	7	96
Stittsville	15	40	..	1	1	...	..	......	1	200	30	....	....	...	2	9	60	5	...	5	....	2	..	....	1	..	....	....	240	2	....
Traverse City	2	128	..	6	1	1	1	4000	..	......	......	....	....	200	1	17	150	12	5	17	2	..	..	....	5	1	55	....	1281	10	....
Traverse City Circuit	7	85	4	5	9	3	..	......	..	......	......	....	....	60	2	9	50	9	....	9	2	1	..	1	1	..	....	....	302	5	....
Williamsburg	....	68	1	..	..	....	1	......	..	......	45	....	....	60	2	24	111	15	....	15	1	2	1	1	4	..	....	....	423	14	6
Mackinaw	2	23	..	..	..	....	..	2000	..	......	......	....	....	15	1	13	50	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	140	....	....
Marillo	8	25	..	1	..	....	..	......	1	350	30				1	9	40														

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Alba	W. J. Cole	225	175	50	12	12	3	1	6	6
Bear Lake	O. G. Whitman	500	431	69	32	32	4	2	12	6
Benzonia	S. N. Cornell	200	125	25	20	13				
Bellaire	James Allen	480	417	63	32	31	3	1	12	6
Boyne	J. Burdge	550	475	75	25	29	3	1	12	3
Cadillac	J. C. Ambrose	950	950			45				
Cadillac Circui.	O. D. Watkins	425	386	39	30	30	3	3	7	7
Charlevoix	W. H. McCarthy	825	825		45	45	5	2	20	13
Cross Village	D. F. Ellsworth	355	255	100	32	30	3	1	8	1
Elk Rapids	A. J. Eldred	700	700		50	50	2	2	8	8
Fife Lake	D. A. Green	525	469	56	32	32	3	2	10	9
Frankfort	G. W. Howe	700	653	47	32	31	4	4	9	2
Harbor Springs	G. S. Barnesz	360	320	40	16	16	2		3	5
Inland	E. Wood	300	264	36	32	23	3		6	3
Ironton	D. P. Darrance	219	219		12	12	2	2	6	5
Kalkaska	J. F. McKinley	460	460		32	32	2			1
Kingsley	W. H. Moore	100	90	10	10	3	10			
Lake City	E. A. Tanner	700	700		28	28	4	2	9	6
Leroy	O. N. Coulter	550	485	65	40	40	4	1	10	4
Mancelona	J. Gulick	750	750		40	40	4	3	16	16
Manton	D. G. Bruce	525	512	13	32	32			10	6
Monroe Centre	L. Kinney	280	262	18	25	25	4	3	12	5
Northport and Northport Indian Mission	J. Eagle	450	452		32	32	3	1	8	4
Norwood	B. H. Whitman	750	750		40	40	4	4	15	15
Petoskey	D. O. Ball	900	900		65	65		2	26	26
Petoskey Circuit	C. Horton	170	150	20	25	16				
Petoskey Indian Mission	J. R. Robinson	250	70	180	20	20	1	1	2	2
Sherman	A. L. Thurston	575	575		40	40	4	2	8	5
South Arm and East Jordan	G. S. Robinson	750	650	100	40	25	3	1	8	5
Spencer Creek	A. W. Bushee	450	450		28	28	3	3	6	7
Stettsville	Thomas Tindall	266	216	50	20	24				2
Traverse City	Frederick C. Lee	1200	1200		80	80	8	1	35	10
Traverse City Circuit	W. Heath	346	280	66	20	20	4	2	12	5
Williamsburg	S. P. Hewitt	475	395	80	32	27	4	1	12	14
Mackinaw	E. Marble	135	135			5				
Marilla	H. Lawrence	50	90							
TOTAL		17446	16236	1202	1051	1044	92	48	308	207

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1888.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses, (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	OTHER COLLECTIONS.
Albion	523	4461	39	56	63	272	34	196400	17	30800	4592	136	1944	4252	48	696	5115	1353	711	2064	289	57	34	253	173	83	862	335	20784	965	818
Coldwater......	771	4159	28	76	54	438	41	162766	17	19050	9367	1813	995	3303	57	667	4368	1164	266	1430	223	44	33	169	144	45	547	218	19294	634	1082
Kalamazoo	521	4749	21	68	59	234	45	204300	25	22800	7710	1203	3998	5272	65	767	4832	1217	587	1804	224	47	35	215	175	53	1188	430	23194	856	461
Niles..........	346	3452	14	56	39	190	50	128000	19	19500	6635	1817	4233	3072	55	684	4380	758	411	1169	140	29	23	113	90	27	381	135	17910	476	651
Grand Rapids..	374	4086	16	65	66	132	42	235600	23	25710	32737	2177	2441	5217	61	723	5794	1085	580	1665	242	35	23	239	150	59	804	104	23965	728	531
Ionia..........	329	3329	29	58	70	187	46	152875	20	22170	12119	662	4859	2963	60	701	4658	686	318	1004	112	30	27	115	120	38	447	223	17328	483	89
Lansing	490	4667	37	69	41	210	48	154380	21	23850	5612	2403	4480	3618	62	809	5775	1322	406	1728	189	45	36	154	157	66	630	408	23176	901	364
Big Rapids. ...	508	3700	33	67	171	256	53	156350	27	22250	9365	2686	7733	2671	90	912	5253	577	428	1005	198	42	32	146	146	57	426	97	24081	494	465
Grand Traverse.	320	2909	41	51	90	187	37	65440	28	15750	6241	1399	6932	1719	71	678	3511	345	83	428	50	23	12	38	61	12	216	18	17328	207	130
Grand Total..	4182	35512	258	566	653	2106	396	1456111	197	20 880	94378	14296	37615	32087	569	6637	43626	8507	3790	12297	1667	352	255	1442	1216	440	5501	1968	187060	5757	4591
Last Year	3737	33692	234	474	639	2376	386	1389650	182	169682	70779	17121	35779	29501	526	6165	42160	8631	3569	12200	1536	349	243	1522	1243	457	5695	1683	180670	5525	2727
Increase	445	1821	24	92	14	....	10	66461	15	32198	23599	.....	1836	2586	23	472	1466	....	221	97	161	3	12	....	....	...	....	285	6390	232	1864
Decrease.......	....	.....	...	...	...	270	...	.....	...	......	......	3835	.....	.....	...	....	.....	124	...	.....	....	..	...	80	27	17	194	..	......	....	....

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1888.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	NAMES OF PRESIDING ELDERS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Albion	I. R. A. Wightman	19878	19206	861	1370	1386	189	192	953	965
Coldwater	N. L. Bray	16991	17787	1019	1308	1337	242	170	712	634
Kalamazoo	D. F. Barnes	21611	21234	967	1827	1754	328	206	1102	856
Niles	W. I. Cogshall	18591	16591	1283	1247	1219	107	100	591	476
Grand Rapids	J. I. Buell	13157	21992	1165	1814	1785	251	188	897	728
Ionia	A. P. Moors	19365	15913	1422	1358	1661	209	124	639	483
Lansing	W. H. Thompson	21854	21338	565	1623	1624	302	214	975	904
Big Rapids	J. C. Floyd	24013	22234	1839	1743	1712	173	135	593	494
Grand Traverse	G. W. Sherman	17446	16236	1202	1051	1044	92	48	308	307
Grand Total		182906	172561	10333	13341	13122	1903	1377	6770	5757
Last Year		172104	166435	8602	13108	12875	1928	1360	6404	5525
Increase		10802	6126	1731	233	247		17	366	232
Decrease							25			

Sessions of the Michigan Annual Conference.

From its Organization up to the Present Time.

TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
September 7, 1836	Mansfield, Ohio	J. Soule	H. O. Sheldon.
September 6, 1837	Detroit, Mich	R. R. Roberts	Edward Thompson.
September 5, 1838	Tiffin, Ohio	Beverly Waugh	Edward Thompson.
September 4, 1839	Ann Arbor, Mich	J. Soule	Edward Thompson.
August 19, 1840	Marshall, Mich	E. Hedding	H. Colclazer.
September 15, 1841	White Pigeon, Mich	R. R. Roberts	H. Colclazer.
August 17, 1842	Adrian, Mich	T. A. Morris	H. Colclazer.
August 16, 1843	Ann Arbor, Mich	J. Soule	J. S. Harrison.
October 2, 1844	Coldwater, Mich	L. L. Hamlin	H. Colclazer.
September 10, 1845	Detroit, Mich	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer.
September 23, 1846	Marshall, Mich	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer.
September 15, 1847	Ypsilanti, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher.
September 6, 1848	Kalamazoo, Mich	E. S. Janes	E. H. Pilcher.
September 5, 1849	Adrian, Mich	L. L. Hamlin	E. H. Pilcher.
September 4, 1850	Albion, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher.
September 3, 1851	Monroe, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher.
September 15, 1852	Niles, Mich	Levi Scott	E. H. Pilcher.
September 14, 1853	Detroit, Mich	Beverly Waugh	E. H. Pilcher.
September 13, 1854	Ann Arbor, Mich	O. C. Baker	T. C. Gardner.
September 5, 1855	Flint, Mich	E. R. Ames	T. C. Gardner.
October 1, 1856	Coldwater, Mich,	T. A. Morris	R. C. Crawford.
September 16, 1857	Lansing, Mich	Beverly Waugh	R. C. Crawford.
September 15, 1858	Kalamazoo, Mich	E. R. Ames	R. C. Crawford.
September 14, 1859	Marshall, Mich	E. S. Janes	R. C. Crawford.
September 27, 1860	Ionia, Mich	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex.
October 2, 1861	Battle Creek, Mich	E. R. Ames	T. H. Sinex.
October 1, 1862	Grand Rapids, Mich	L. Scott	T. H. Sinex.
September 23, 1863	Jackson, Mich	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex.
September 28, 1864	Niles, Mich	O. C. Baker	J. W. Robinson
September 13, 1865	Albion, Mich	E. R. Ames	L. R. Fisk.
September 6, 1866	Hillsdale, Mich	M. Simpson	A. A. Dunton.
September 11, 1867	Lansing, Mich	D. W. Clark	M. B. Camburn.
September 3, 1868	Three Rivers, Mich	E. R. Ames	M. B. Camburn.
September 15, 1869	Grand Rapids, Mich	L. Scott	M. B. Camburn.
August 31, 1870	Coldwater, Mich	D. W. Clark	M. B. Camburn.
September 13, 1871	St. Joseph, Mich	E. S. Janes	M. B. Camburn.
September 18, 1872	Jackson, Mich	E. R. Ames	J. I. Buell.
September 10, 1873	Ionia, Mich	I. W. Wiley	G. B. Jocelyn.
September 9, 1874	Kalamazoo, Mich	M. Simpson	G. B. Jocelyn.
September 8, 1875	Battle Creek, Mich	L. Scott	G. B. Jocelyn.
September 13, 1876	Niles, Mich	G. Haven	G. B. Jocelyn.
September 5, 1877	Grand Rapids, Mich	S. M. Merrill	A. R. Boggs.
September 4, 1878	Three Rivers, Mich	J. T. Peck	A. R. Boggs.
September 10, 1879	Ionia, Mich	R. S. Foster	H. M. Joy.
September 15, 1880	Muskegon, Mich	T. Bowman	H. M. Joy.
August 31, 1881	Jackson, Mich	R. S. Foster	H. M. Joy.
September 6, 1882	Coldwater, Mich	E. G. Andrews	W. I. Cogshall.
September 5, 1883	Albion, Mich	W. L. Harris	W. I. Cogshall.
September 10, 1884	Lansing, Mich	W. X. Ninde	W. I. Cogshall.
September 24, 1885	Grand Rapids, Mich	H. W. Warren	W. I. Cogshall.
Septembeo 15, 1886	Kalamazoo, Mich	J. F. Hurst	W. I. Cogshall.
September 7, 1887	Bay View, Mich	W. X. Ninde	I. R. A. Wightman.
September 5, 1888	St. Joseph, Mich	S. M. Merrill	James W. Reid.

PREACHERS' SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY.

OFFICERS.

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Secretary—L. DeLaMarter.
Vice-President—G. D. Lee.
Treasurer—D. F. Barnes.

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C. L. Barnhart,
William Colby,
A. M. Gould,
Ira R. A. Wightman,
John Graham,
A. P. Moors,
L. M. Edmonds,
H. D. Jordan.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The names of the persons associating in this society, to be known and recognized as the Preachers' Savings Fund Society of Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and adopted September 18, 1871, are to be found in the original constitution of this society, under the head of article 1, which has undergone no change.

ARTICLE II.

This society shall be called and known as the Preachers' Savings Fund Society of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall have its office, for the transaction of business, at Albion, Calhoun county, in the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE III.

This society, or incorporation, shall exist for a period of thirty (30) years.

ARTICLE IV.

The objects of this society shall be to hold or receive moneys, legacies, bequests, gifts, stocks, bonds, and any kind of securities or property, and hold the same for the benefit of the widows or children of deceased ministers or preachers, who shall be members of this society, and who shall be members of the Michigan Annual Conference at the time of their decease.

It may also hold such money, or the above described property for the benefit of such living ministers, members of the Michigan Annual Conference and of this society, as in the judgment of this society, are in need of pecuniary aid: *Provided*, That no part of the funds of this society shall be applied to the relief of any living minister, until his case has been brought before the society, at its annual meeting: *Provided, further*, That whenever any member of this society, who is also a member of the Michigan Annual Conference, shall be transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he may retain his membership in this society by continuing to meet all of his obligations to it, while he continues a member in good standing in such Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: *Provided, further*, That preachers on trial, in the said Michigan Annual Conference, may be entitled to all the rights and benefits of this society on the same conditions as members of the same Conference who are in full connection.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Trustees, who shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are elected. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees, and the President shall preside in the meetings of said board, and of the society also. All elections for officers shall be by ballot and by the society, and all officers shall be elected at the annual meeting, except to fill vacancies, which shall be filled by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI.

This society shall hold its annual meeting on the second day of the session of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in each year, at the place at which such Conference is held, and a majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS.

SECTION 1. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall select a competent physician, residing at or near the seat of the Annual Conference, whose duty it shall be to examine any and all candidates for admission to this society.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to elect a Medical-Examiner-in-Chief, who shall hold office for the period of three years unless sooner removed for cause. It shall be his duty to prepare blank forms of examination which shall equal in requirements, those of the best insurance organizations. The Medical Examiner-in-Chief shall pass upon all examinations made by the subordinate Medical Examiner, and his approval or rejection shall be final.

SEC. 3. Any person receiving a majority vote of the members in attendance at the annual meeting, and by the payment of five dollars and the Medical Examiners' fees into the treasury of the society, having passed the required medical examination, and who at the time of such examination shall not be over forty-five (45) years of age, may become a member of this society. In case of rejection by Medical Examiners, all money paid into the treasury of the society shall be refunded, except so much as is required to pay the examiner's fees.

SEC. 4. Upon the death of a member the Secretary shall immediately notify each surviving member, of the amount of his assessment, and that the same is due and payable within sixty days from date of such notice. Failure to comply with this requirement, shall in the discretion of the society, be deemed to have worked a forfeiture of membership and of any and every interest of such delinquent in the Society, or of its properties or benefits.

ARTICLE VIII.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the society and board of Trustees, and shall perform all of the duties belonging to his office, and such other duties as the by-laws of the society or the board of Trustees shall direct, and in his absence these duties shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

ARTICLE IX.

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all the proceedings of the society and the board of Trustees, and cause the same to be recorded in a book provided for that purpose. He shall receive all moneys paid into this society, and enter the same in his record, with the sources from which they came; pay all moneys over to the Treasurer immediately, taking his receipt for the same.

ARTICLE X.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys or property belonging to the society, and shall hold the same subject to the order of the board of Trustees. He shall report annually the state of the finances, and the condition of all property in his hands belonging to the society, or oftener if the board of Trustees shall direct. He shall give a bond to the society in a penal sum of at least double the amount in his hands belonging to the Society, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

ARTICLE XI.

SEC. 1. All money belonging to the society, except so much as may be necessary to pay the usual running expenses and such appropriations as the board of Trustees may order, according to these articles, shall be funded under the direction of the board of Trustees, and said board shall have charge of all lands, tenements, stocks, bonds, mortgages, securities, or effects of every nature whatsoever, and shall invest the same, and cause them to be paid over for the purposes of the society. *Provided*, That the interest or the profits only shall be used forever, except also such special assessments as are provided for in article twelve of these articles of association. *Provided*, further, That at the expiration of the time for which this society is organized, it shall have power to dispose of all funds and securities of every nature, in such manner as it shall judge proper.

SEC. 2. The trustees shall have no power to pay out money in violation of article four of these articles of association.

ARTICLE XII.

SEC. 1. Whenever any member of this association, who is alss a member in good standing in the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or having been transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church while holding membership in this association, shall die, and being at the time of his decease in good standing in this society and the Conference to which he belongs, the Trustees shall cause to be paid to his widow, or if he leave no widow, then to the children of said deceased minister, the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars.

Provided, That said deceased minister has paid into the society's fund at least the sum of fifty (50) dollars: but if the whole amount paid into the funds of the society shall not amount to fifty (50) dollars, by such deceased minister, as above stated, then the Trustees shall deduct from the one thousand dollars to be paid to the widow or children of said deceased minister, as provided for in section one of this article, such sum as will, when added to the sum of payments of said deceased minister, make the sum of fifty (50) dollars as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. The payment provided for in section one of this article shall be paid at the next session of the Michigan Annual Conference succeeding the death of the deceased minister.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of this society, whenever a death, as stated in section one of this article, shall occur, to meet as soon thereafter as possible and proceed to estimate the amount which will be in the hands of the Treasurer at the next ensuing session of the Michigan Annual Conference, arising from interest or profits of the invested funds; also the probable amount arising from the annual dues of the membership; and they shall set apart three-fourths (¾) of such annual payments to apply on the one thousand (1000) dollars provided for in section one of this article; also such interest or profits as arise from the invested funds, and then they shall assess the balance necessary to make up the one thousand (1000) dollars upon the members of the society, each member being assessed in a sum equal to every other member.

SEC. 4. Upon the death of a member it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of his assessment, by sending him a written or printed statement or notice of the amount assessed against him, and request the payment of the same, within thirty days of said notice, and if the assessment or assessments are not paid by the next session of the Society, at its annual meeting, the name of the member, or members, so refusing, or neglecting to pay, shall be stricken from the roll of the society, and all moneys which the said members have paid into the society shall be forfeited to its use. *Provided*, that no member of the society thus forfeiting his membership by non-payment of assessments, shall be entitled to any benefits from the society, until all assessments and dues are paid; and if death occurs during such delinquency, all claims of such persons shall be forfeited. (See amendment.

ARTICLE XIII.

This society shall hold the money belonging to the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the deceased ministers of said Conference, commonly known as the Parkhurst Fund, and the Treasurer shall report annually, and oftener, if called upon by the Trustees or President to do so, the state of this fund. The society shall report annually to the Michigan Annual Conference, and pay over the interst which has accrued on the said fund at each session of said Conference, and the order of said Conference, attested by its Secretary, shall be sufficient voucher for the payment of such interest.

ARTICLE XIV.

All gifts, legacies or bequests, which shall be made to the society, or placed in its keeping, shall be sacredly kept, held and disbursed, according to the terms or conditions of said gifts, legacies, or bequests; and neither the Trustees nor the society shall have any power to divert either the principal or the interest, or any part thereof, from the purpose designed by the donor or donors of said legacies or bequests.

ARTICLE XV.

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting, provided such amendment or amendments shall be offered in writing, at the first session of the annual meeeting, the same to be voted on at the second or a later session of the same annual meeting.

AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC I. Any person having paid five (5) dollars into the treasury of the society, may be elected to membership in the society, at any annual meeting by a majority vote, and such may thereafter be continued by payment of two (2) dollars annually, and such assessments as may, from time to time be made upon him.

SEC. 2. Each member of this society shall pay annually the sum of $8 in addition to the $2 hitherto required. This shall be construed to be a reserve fund, to be drawn upon whenever in any year, the claims from death shall exceed the amount.

ARTICLE XII.

SEC. 5. The secretary shall notify each member of the amount of his assessments, and a failure to pay the same by the member so notified, by or before the next annual session of the society, shall, in the descretion of the secretary, be deemed to have worked a forfeiture of membership, and of every interest of such delinquent in the society, or its properties and benefits.

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CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1. The Conference shall meet at 8 A. M., spending 20 minutes in devotional exercises, and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjournment at their discretion, and provided also that on the second day of the Annual Session the Conference shall be adjourned by expiration of time at 10 A. M.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journal of the preceding day read and approved.

3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of an appeal the question shall be taken without debate.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.

5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member requests it.

6. When a motion, resolution, or report presented is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed as in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before the decision or amendment.

7. No new motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named, viz: The previous question, indefinite postponement, laying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, amendment or substitute.

8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language, but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.

10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without the leave of the Conference, nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

11. Whenever any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative to move for a reconsideration.

12. No member shall absent himself from the session of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when said question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

14. Every member who shall be within the bar, at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the Conference proceedings, which he shall cause to be published in the annual minutes, and, when so published, it shall be the official Journal of this Conference. He shall edit the minutes and all memoirs, and shall make

contracts for the publication thereof for the next ensuing annual Conference. He shall have charge of the Journal and Conference files, and forward them to the seat of the next annual Conference. He shall cause to be deposited with the Librarian of Albion College the Ancient Documents of this Conference.

17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time and shall be decided without debate.

18. All committees whose reports are to be printed in the Minutes shall present their reports in duplicate, one copy for the Conference, and another for the Committee on Publication of the Minutes, otherwise the Committee on Publication is not required to insert such reports in the Minutes.

19. All persons, while passing the disciplinary course of study, who shall be reported below the medium, or who shall be deficient in the required reading, shall be required to pass another examination on the studies so reported, or to make up the deficient reading; and the chairman of the Examining Committee shall give notice to the Conference Secretary and to the deficient party.

20. A member of the Conference accused of offences against the law and discipline of the Church, is entitled to a copy of the charges and specifications to be relied on for the prosecution of the complaint, together with a notice of the time when the accused will be called upon to answer said charges and specifications. A failure to serve a copy of said charges and specifications a reasonable length of time before the same shall be presented for adjudication must be satisfactorily explained by the prosecution before the trial can proceed.

21. Each preacher in charge shall be required to report to the Conference, with his statistics, the names of the members of his quarterly conference.

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FIRST DAY.

The Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled for its fifty-fourth session, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenville, Mich., at 9 o'clock, A. M., September 11, 1889.

Bishop Cyrus D. Foss in the chair.

The Bishop announced the 798th hymn, after singing of which, by the Conference, he read the 103d Psalm, and F. B. Bangs led the Conference in prayer. The Bishop then read the second chapter of Second Timothy, the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," was sung, and the Bishop briefly addressed the Conference.

James W. Reid, secretary of last Conference, called the roll, and the following members responded to their names:

Aldrich, William J., Muskegon
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Armstrong, Edmund V., Mendon
Bangs, Frank B., Eaton Rapids
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Barnes, Geo. S., Harbor Springs
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Brockway, William H., Albion
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Buell, George A., Coloma
Buell, John W., Byron
Burns, Andrew W., Eagle
Bushee, Albert W., Leroy
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Chamberlain, H. C., Edwardsb'rg
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Crawford, Riley C., Holland
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Dayton, James N., Ada
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Donaldson, George, Waukeshma
Douglass, William J., Hersey
Draper, Gilbert C., Hillsdale
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King, Edwin H., Carson City
Kitzmiller, Samuel, Bloomingdale
Klose, John, North Muskegon
Knappen, Ashman A., Albion

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Lamport, Warren W., Decatur
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Young, Thomas, Gresham
Younglove, William N., Lawrence

T. H. Jacokes nominated James W. Reid for Secretary, and he was elected by acclamation. Thomas Nicholson was nominated and elected assistant secretary; A. J. Wheeler was elected statistician, and E. H. King, H. C. Chamberlin, and C. J. Sonnema, assistants. The roll of standing committees nominated last year was called, changes made, and the committees elected as follows:

Stewards—A. M. Gould, Chairman; H. D. Jordan, E. L. Kellogg, L. W. Calkins, C. G. Thomas, J. A. Sprague, L. M. Garlick, D. Engle, J. K. Stark, S. P. Hewitt.

Freedmen's Aid and S. E. S.—J. F. Orwick, W. Denman, A. T. Ferguson, S. L. Hamilton, F. N. Janes.

Periodicals—W. M. Puffer, W. M. Colby, Daniel A. Green.

Sanctity of the Sabbath—F. L. Thompson, G. S. Barnes, James Webster.

Publication of the Minutes—Secretary and Statisticians.

Book Concern Accounts—S. C. Strickland, O. H. Perry, E. B. Patterson.

Temperance—W. J. Aldrich, J. H. Thomas, M. M. Callen, L. E. Lenox, Wm. Judd.

Education—W. A. Hunsberger, J. W. Rawlinson, M. D. Carrell, John Graham, L. Grosenbaugh.

Mission Auditing Committee—P. J. Maveety, O. E. Wightman, G. W. Howe.

Sunday Schools and Tracts—L. Master, E. H. King, J. W. H. Carlisle, Isaiah Wilson, J. W. Buell.

Bible Cause—A. D. Newton, G. L. Haight, A. T. Luther.

State of the Church—A. J. Eldred, J. G. Crozier, C. L. Barnhart, F. L. Thompson, C. S. Fox.

Memorial Services—G. S. Hickey, E. D. Young, E. H. Day.

Public Worship—Louis Grosenbaugh, A. P. Moors.

Conference Claimants—James Hamilton, G. D. Lee, J. W. Hallenbeck, D. C. Riehl, G. A. Odlum.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society—G. B. Kulp, E. B. Patterson, G. L. Mount.

Post Offices—J. W. Arney.

Parsonages and Furniture—A. A. Knappen, J. W. Miller, L. M. Edmonds, I. B. Tallman.

Women's Home Missionary Society—W. R. Stinchcomb, J. N. Dayton, E. V. Armstrong.

Delegates to Fraternal Bodies—Pastors where the meetings shall be held.

Epworth League—M. D. Carrel, J. F. Orwick, J. W. H. Carlisle, A. F. Hart, P. J. Maveety.

State Revival Band—James Hamilton, D. W. Parsons, W. M. Colby.

Conference Ministerial Register—L. DeLaMarter, T. T. George, R. C. Crawford.

Statistical Secretary—A. J. Wheeler.

Conference Treasurer—W. J. Hathaway.

W. J. Hathaway was granted power to nominate his assistant Treasurers. He nominated W. W. Lamport, W. A. Taylor, and A. T. Ferguson, who were duly elected.

The Conference rules of order were amended to make the time of meeting 8:30, local time, and were then adopted.

The Bishop called the attention of the Conference to the Ecumenical Conference, and the necessity of electing two ministers and two laymen as delegates. On motion of J. K. Stark, it was ordered that the election of these delegates be made the special order for Friday, at 10 A. M., and that the election be by ballot.

On motion of W. I. Cogshall, the Conference ordered the appointment of one person from each district who should constitute a committee on nominations, and the following were chosen: Albion—Thos. Cox; Coldwater—N. E. Lennox; Kalamazoo—G. B. Kulp; Niles—J. W. H. Carlisle; Grand Rapids—W. M. Puffer; Ionia—H. R. Hawley; Lansing—A. E. Tanner; Big Rapids—E. F. Newell; Grand Traverse—A. J. Eldred.

On motion of G. S. Barnes, George S. Hickey and George L. Haight were substituted for Robert Shorts and W. P. Mosher on committee to examine local preachers for deacon's orders.

The Bishop announced a draft for $2,070, dividend for Conference Claimants from the Book Concern, and on the Chartered Fund $30. The Conference directed the amounts paid to the Conference Treasurer, subject to the order of the Board of Stewards.

The assessments for the Episcopal Fund and also for the Freedmen's Aid Society were referred to the Presiding Elders for proper distribution. Documents referring to chaplaincies in the army were referred to Committee on State of the Church.

A resolution, introduced by J. H. Pitezel, was adopted by a rising vote, and the Conference ordered that a copy of the same be forwarded to Rev. G. W. Brown therein mentioned, and also to the *Northwestern* and *Michigan Christian Advocate* for publication. (See resolution).

Dr. Homer Eaton, of the New York Book Concern, Dr. L. R. Fiske, President of Albion College, and Dr. J. W. Mendenhall, editor of the *Methodist Review*, were introduced.

Dr. J. W. Mendenhall addressed the Conference in the interests of the *Review*. W. M. Puffer was appointed to solicit subscriptions therefor, and the Conference adopted a resolution commendatory of the *Review*, presented by Dr. Barnes. (See resolution).

Question No. 20 was taken up. W. I. Cogshall was called, his character passed and he reported Niles district.

The following effective elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: W. H. Parsons, E. B. Patterson, G. W. Gosling, S. L. Hamilton, I. Wilson, G. A. Buell, W. W. Lamport, C. G. Thomas, U. Mason, George L. Haight, W. J. Hathaway, J. W. H. Carlisle, W. N. Younglove, W. Prouty, and E. H. Day.

The characters of W. R. Stinchcomb, M. D. Carrel, E. Tench, and J. M. Reid, were passed.

W. H. Thompson was called, his character passed, and he reported Lansing District.

The following effective elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: C. L. Barnhart, A. W. Burns, D. Engle, G. L. Mount, I. B. Tallman, C. A. Jacokes, M. M. Callan, W. M. Colby, R. S. MacGregor, L. DeLaMarter, P. J. Maveety, Thomas Riley, A. D. Newton, D. W. Fow, J. H. Thomas and Robert Bramfitt.

The characters of D. M. Ward, I. W. Peach, J. R. Bowen and E. A. Tanner, were passed.

Father S. C. Moon, who is over ninety years of age, and who has been a member of the Methodist church for more than seventy years, was introduced and addressed the conference, after which the conference joined heartily in singing, "My Latest Sun is Sinking Fast."

Chaplain C. C. McCabe, one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Missionary Society, was introduced.

Announcements were made, the Doxology sung, and the Conference was dismissed with the benediction by Chaplain McCabe:

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 12, 1889.

Conference convened at 8:30 A. M., Bishop Foss in the chair.

N. L. Bray conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The Secretary called the roll of yesterday's absentees and the further calling of the roll was ordered closed.

The Bishop announced the following transfers: John H. Buttleman from the North Dakota conference, and Joseph C. Cook from the North Indiana conference.

The Statistician and the Treasurer respectively called their lists of delinquents.

R. C. Crawford moved for the appointment of one minister from each district, npon the nomination of the respective Presiding Elders, who should constitute a Committee on Conference relations; and that to them should be referred all cases of applications for admission from other churches; also all applications for admission on trial. The motion prevailed and the following were appointed said committee: Albion, Geo. S. Hickey; Big Rapids, J. W. Miller; Coldwater, E. L. Kellogg, Grand Rapids, W. J. Aldrich; Grand Traverse, J. K. Stark; Ionia, J. W. Hallenbeck; Kalamazoo, Levi Master; Lansing, C. L. Barnhart; Niles, Isaiah Wilson.

On motion of D. F. Barnes all cases of complaints against the acceptability and usefulness of ministers, and all things looking towards a change of relation on the part of any brother were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

On motion of L. M. Edmonds the case of D. R. Latham was referred to the same committee.

On motion of A. P. Moors, E. T. Lumber, R. C. Crawford, and J. C. Floyd, were appointed a Committee on District Conference Records.

Dr. C. C. McCabe was introduced and briefly addressed the conference. He asked for subscriptions to his new missionary paper, "*World Wide Missions*," and in a short time secured 4,564 subscriptions.

The conference then adjourned to give the Preacher's Savings Fund Society an opportunity to hold their annual meeting.

At 11:15 A. M., Conference resumed its session, Bishop Foss in the chair.

Dr. A. J. Mead, agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference.

Question 20 was resumed.

D. F. Barnes was called, his character passed, and he reported Kalamazoo District.

The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: H. S. Bargelt, James Berry, S. Kitzmiller, L. W. Calkins, W. A. Bass, R. N. Middleton, Levi Master, E. T. Lumber, R. Shire, S. D. McKee, E. V. Armstrong, G. B. Kulp, J. W. Rawlinson O. H. Perry, Joshua White, A. T. Ferguson, J. A. Sprague, W. P. French, George Donaldson.

The transfer of Joseph Wilkes from this conference was announced.

A. P. Moors was called, his character passed, and he reported Ionia District.

The following effective elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: Wm. Judd, E. H. King, L. Grosenbaugh, A. Smith, A. M. Gould, F. A. VanDeWalker, F. J. Freeman, F. N. Janes, J. W. Hallenbeck, J. A. Weyant and L. M. Garlick.

The following were called and their characters passed: A. R. Keillor, O. J. Golden, H. R. Hawley, T. H. Jacokes.

G. W. Sherman was called, his character passed, and he reported Grand Traverse District.

O. H. Perry and J. W. Rawlinson were elected committee to solicit subscriptions for the Minutes.

On motion of G. W. Sherman, Mrs. J. C. Ambrose was placed on the list of Conference Claimants for this year.

Announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and the conference dismissed with the benediction, by Bishop Foss.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 13, 1889.

Bishop Foss took the chair promptly at 8:30 A. M.

G. S. Hickey led the devotional exercises.

The minutes were read and approved.

A. M. Gould explained that a collection of $82.26 taken at the last conference for Gould E. Mathews had not been appropriated to him, and on his motion the conference ordered that the treasurer be instructed to pay, from the Conference Claimant's Fund of this year, the amount of the note given by him to satisfy this claim.

The secretary presented a bill from the Conference Claimant's Committee amounting to $65.80, and on motion of L. M. Edmunds it was allowed and the treasurer instructed to pay the same out of the Conference Claimant's Fund.

On motion of I. R. A. Wightman the name of G. S. Hickey was substituted for that of Jas. Hamilton on Committee on Conference Relations.

On motion of T. H. Jacokes, F. B. Bangs, who will have completed fifty years of service at the next session of this conference, was invited to preach a semi-centennial sermon at our next annual session.

On motion of G. S. Hickey the name of J. F. Orwick was substituted for that of J. V. Clancy on the Committee on Epworth League.

On motion of S. L. Hamilton the conference ordered the appointment of a committee of five on Deaconesses, and S. L. Hamilton, G. C. Draper, T. H. Jocokes, F. B. Bangs and F. J. Freeman were appointed.

Dr. J. H. Potts was introduced and presented to the conference $1,097.96, as a donation from the Methodist Publishing Company, for the benefit of the Conference Claimants.

On motion of W. H. Brockway a rising vote of thanks was extended to the Methodist Publishing Company, and the amount was ordered into the treasury to the credit of the Board of Stewards.

Question No. 5 was taken up, "Who are admitted into full connection?" The class of probationers remaining on trial was called to the altar of the church, the usual questions were asked, and they were addressed by the Bishop.

The Bishop said in substance:

The preaching needed to-day is the same kind of preaching which has been needed in all ages past. Sin does not change; the work of the ministry does not change. The Bishop emphasized some of the points essential to success in this great work.

1. We must have a LEARNED ministry. Not necessarily an educated ministry, but a learned ministry. Note that the terms are not convertible. It always has pleased God to call men from the plow, or the forge, or the workshop that he might send them out to do his work and become learned at the same time, and he apprehended that it always would. This century is the great century of the world's onmarch of scientific and educational progress. We mistake if we longer talk of the far west holding an unlearned community. We need to understand that there is now no place anywhere on the continent for ignoramuses. There are great questions, such as Temperance, Social Purity, the Mormon question and twenty others which we must understand and which we must speak, and speak learnedly upon. Now, what must we do in order to become learned men? 1st. If possible use our colleges and seminaries. If this is impossible, or if any brother clearly perceives that it is not in the line of duty, he may take Dr. Shedd's advice and apply himself to the daily, nightly and everlasting study of a few great authors. He earnestly urged the brethren not to spend their time on the newspapers. Dr. McClintock used to say seven and a half minutes daily was enough time to waste on them. Stretch your little minds on the great thinkers of the world. Above all study and re-study the Book of Books — the Bible. Get the Greek whether you can or not. He here gave some excellent hints on bible study. But woe to the man who affects a learned style in the pulpit. Get all knowledge, but bring it all into the tabernacle of the Lord. Use it only to illustrate and help you "Preach the Word." If you do anything else "the hungry sheep look up and are not fed"

2. The need of a Consecrated Ministry; a ministry holy and absolutely devoted to the one great work of preaching Jesus to men. With earnest appeal and thrilling illustration the Bishop urged the young men to complete consecration to this one work.

3. A Soul Saving Ministry. Happy is that church whose pastor is a revivalist. Some men talk about it being their peculiar work to build up a church, but he never found any way except to bring the rough stones hewn out of nature's quarry and put them in proper place in the temple of God.

4. Our ministry must be a mighty instrument in the community for righteousness and morality. We must preach so as to make wicked

and unfaithful men feel uncomfortable, and so as to make that merchant who is honest and upright and who will suffer loss rather than violate his conscience, feel that his counter is as sacred as our pulpit. But in order to do all this four things more are necessary.

1. A Pastoral Ministry. There were at least three times as many led to Christ in pastoral work as in direct preaching in his own ministry, and Dr. John Hall called at every one of the homes of his over two thousand members twice every year.

2. A Bibical Minstry.

3. A Loyal Ministry. He knew of nothing more laughable, were it not so lamentable, than to see some young knight of the pulpit come out on a fine Sunday morning with an old sophomoric essay, finely written, gilt edged and scented, for all I know, to be read, or more properly recited, in which he labored to leave the impression that neither the church, nor the doctrines on which the church was founded, nor the word which emanated from God, nor even God himself, was to be accepted until each had been approved by his lordly reason. He exhorted the young men to be loyal while holding the pulpits which they did not build.

4. Manly men. He said when, in years to come, he should come around and enquire for *his class*, he should say to each man, "If you have not been a great preacher, but a *good* preacher, an earnest pastor, and a manly man, winning souls and building up the church, I shall consider that you have won the battle."

The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, were represented by their Presiding Elders, and the Examining Committee, were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders: Jas. E. Arney, Wm. D. Rowland, Wm. F. Harding and Levi Aler.

Arthur S. Williams, Granger D. Chase, Irving Eagle, reported their collections, their characters were passed, they were represented by their Presiding Elders and the Examining Committee, and were admitted into full connection.

John Dobson reported his collections, his character was passed, was admitted into full connection, and passed to the list of effective elders on certificate of ordination from the Methodist Church of Canada, the conference previously excusing him from the course of study.

Chas. J. Sonnema reported his collections, his character was passed, and he was continued on trial, on condition that he bring up the following studies: Thalheimer's History, Jevon's Logic, and the unread books.

Milo M. Miner reported his collections, his character was passed, he was reported by his Presiding Elder and his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Thos. Tindall, Alex. T. Luther, Jos. C. Cook and Luther B. Kenyon reported their collections and their characters were passed.

The character of Jas. S. Montgomery was passed.

J. E. Arney was directed to bring up the study of Jevon's Logic; Wm. D. Rowland, Pope's Theology Vol. II; and Irving Eagle to read Stevens' History of Methodism, Vol. III.

On motion of T. H. Jacokes, the conference directed the special order for this morning, the election of delegates to the Ecumenical Conference postponed to Saturday morning at 10 A. M.

Dr. Earl Cranston of the Western Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the conference.

Rev. J. G. Haller of Ionia, fraternal delegate of the Evangelical Association, was introduced and presented the fraternal greetings of that church, and cordially invited the conference to send a fraternal delegate to his association.

By request of Bishop Foss, A. M. Gould briefly replied to these friendly greetings.

Rev. Dr. G. W. Gray, of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, was introduced and addressed the conference.

On motion of D. F. Barnes the matter of practically co-operating with this society as to the time of taking our annual collections was referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society of this Conference.

Dr. L. R. Fiske presented the annual report of Albion College, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. C. M. Ranger of Battle Creek, was introduced, and addressed the conference in reference to the Alumni Professorship of Albion College.

J. W. Miller, from the Committee on Conference Relations, made a report in the case of D. R. Latham, and on his motion the relations of D. R. Latham were changed from supernumery to superanuated, and he was placed upon the list of claimants for the present conference year.

On motion of I. R. A. Wightman, the relation of Grosvenor Daniels was changed from effective to superanuated and he was placed upon the list of claimants for this year.

W. A. Hunsberger was made chairman of the Committee on Sanctity of the Sabbath in place of N. M. Steele.

During the session Rev. C. H. Spooner, of the Congregational church of Greenville, and Rev. Dr. L. D. Bass, of the Baptist church of Greenville, were introduced.

A. M. Gould was appointed to lead the devotions to-morrow morning. Notices were given, the doxology was sung, and the conference was dismissed with the benediction of Bishop Foss.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 14, 1889.

Bishop Foss took the chair at 8:30 A. M.

A. M. Gould led the devotional exercises.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion of W. D. Parsons the name of F. L. Thompson was substituted for that of W. A. Hunsberger on the Committee on Sanctity of the Sabbath.

D. F. Barnes presented a communication concerning the bill for printing the minutes for 1888, which was referred to a special committee consisting of J. H. Pitezell, G. C. Draper and Geo. S. Hickey.

Question No. 5 was resumed, "Who are admitted into full connection ?"

On motion the vote by which Chas. J. Sonnema was continued on trial was reconsidered, and he was admitted into full connection, after having been favorably reported by his Presiding Elder and the Examining Committee. He was also granted permission to attend one of our schools the coming year.

James S. Montgomery, who was absent yesterday, was called to the altar of the church, was asked the disciplinary questions by Bishop Foss.

Joseph C. Cook, Luther B. Kenyon and Jas. S. Montgomery were reported by the Examining Committee and their Presiding Elders, admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

Alex. T. Luther was called his character passed, represented by the Examining Committee and Presiding Elder and admitted into full connection, He was instructed to read Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology.

Robt. M. Young was discontinued.

The Bishop was requested to leave James S. Montgomery without appointment to attend school.

On motion of G. W. Sherman, Thos. Tindall was accredited his examination in the course of the second year with the exception of Jevon's Logic, and was continued on trial.

Norman E. Gibbs and William Barth were continued on trial. Martin W. Snyder was discontinued.

Jacob Ruoff was discontinued and the secretary was instructed to communicate with the proper authorities in Nebraska, where he is laboring, attesting his standing in this conference, and certifying to his character and usefulness while here.

The special order was taken up and the conference proceeded to elect two ministerial delegates to the Ecumenical Conference.

It was ordered that a majority of all the votes cast be required for an election, and that the two having the highest number be declared elected, in case more than two persons secure a majority. J. C. Floyd, M. D. Carrel, Levi Master and J. W. Hallenbeck were appointed tellers.

The fourteenth question was taken up, "What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?"

Thomas Young, Wm. A. Frye, Richard W. Tindall, Albert W. Bushee, Seward C. Tiney, Arthur H. Sturgis, Thomas Nicholson, Wm. J. Douglass and Fayette L. Thompson were called, their characters passed, were reported by the Examining Committee and their Presiding Elders, and were elected to Elder's orders.

The character of John H. Buttleman was passed, he was reported by the Examining Committees of both the third and fourth years, was represented by his Presiding Elder and elected to Elder's orders.

Question 10 was taken up, "What local preachers have been elected Deacons?"

Edgar L. Sinclear was represented by the Presiding Elder, and elected to Deacon's orders, under the missionary rule.

Charles Nease and Anthony J. Comden were called, the committee reported favorably, they were represented by their Presiding Elders and elected to Deacon's orders.

The sixteenth question was taken up, "What local Deacons have been elected Elders?"

John O. Snider and Alfred E. Craig were called, their characters passed, they were reported by the Presiding Elder and the Examining Committee and were elected to Elder's orders. The Bishop was requested to leave A. E. Craig without appointment to attend school.

Dempster D. Martin, Nelson R. Woods, Geo. Bullen, John Wm. Vickers, Louis Kammerling and A. E. Hawley were called forward and introduced to the conference. As they are seeking admission to our conference from other churches, they were asked the usual disciplinary questions by the Bishop, and the cases were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

J. H. Potts presented the matter of the Wesleyan Guild of Ann Arbor, and offered a resolution relative thereto, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Education, with instructions to make the nominations therein mentioned.

On motion of G. W. Gosling the question of nominating a fraternal delegate to the conference of the Evangelical Association was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The roll of effective elders of Grand Traverse District was called, and the characters of the following brethren were passed and they reported their collections: Jas. Allen, J. K. Stark, G. S. Robinson, A. J. Eldred, D. A. Green, G. S. Barnes, J. Gulick, Willard Heath, B. H. Whitman, D. O. Ball, E. G. Stevens, S. P. Hewitt and F. C. Lee.

The characters of G. W. Howe, B. E. Paddock and O. D. Watkins were passed.

J. I. Buell was called, his character passed, and he reported Grand Rapids District. The following effective elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: J. N. Dayton, J. W. Buell, H. D. Jordan, Geo. Varion, Wm. Jennings, J. G. Crozier, John Graham, J. W. Reid, W. M. Puffer, R. C. Crawford, G. E. Hollister, T. T. George, W. J. Aldrich, John Klose, J. W. Horner, A. J. Wheeler, and J. E. White. The characters of Geo. D. Lee, DeLos Cronk and A. H. Gillett were passed.

Dr. John Graham presented to the conference the following communication:

GRAND RAPIDS, September 9, 1889.

To the Michigan Annual Conference:

Melville R. Bissell, a member of our board, departed this life on the fifteenth day of March, last.

Prior to his death he, by his will, bequeathed to Division Street M. E. Church, for the benefit of the Superanuated Preachers' Fund, the annual dividends on eighty shares of the capital stock of the Bissell Carpet Sweeper Company, to be in addition to the assessment to be made on this church, and for that purpose exclusively.

The testator appointed his wife, Mrs. Anna Bissell, the sole excutrix of the will, and, she being desirous of securing to that fund the largest revenue possible, proposed to give three thousand dollars of the money of the estate to be kept at interest forever, in exchange for the stock — of two thousand dollars par value — the money to be put at interest and that annual income paid into said fund in lieu of such dividend.

The pastor and official members of the church having carefully considered the proposition, cheerfully accepted the same, and the agreement was ratified by the Probate Court of Kent County, and the money paid over to the trustees, and put at interest.

The officiary of the church concluded that three thousand dollars in cash, kept at interest perpetually, would be of more value to the beneficiaries named in the will, than the dividends on the two thousand dollars stock; as the stock is subject to fluctuations and the contingencies affecting corporations. And in view of the fact that this annual interest is to become subject to the control of this conference the same as other monies devoted to the same purpose, the Board of Trustees has instructed me to inform this conference of their action, and respectfully request that you enter upon your minutes your approval thereof, and that you acknowledge by suitable resolution the generous legacy of our deceased brother.

Your obedient servant,
HARVEY JOSLIN,
Chairman of Board of Trustees Division Street M. E. Church.

The conference by a rising vote adopted a resolution introduced by T. H. Jacokes approving the action of the Board of Trustees, as follows:

WHEREAS, This conference has information that Melville R. Bissell of Grand Rapids, has left by bequest eighty shares of the Bissell Carpet Sweeper Company, for the benefit of the superanuated members of this conference; and,

WHEREAS, His wife, Mrs. Anna Bissell, has in place of said shares paid three thousand dollars to be funded and the interest applied in perpetuity for the use of our superanuated ministers; therefore,

Resolved, By the Michigan Annual Conference, that we hold, and ever shall hold in grateful memory the christian beneficence of our deceased brother, Melville R. Bissell.

2. That we, as a Conference, hereby tender Mrs. Anna Bissell our most earnest and cordial thanks for her kindness in paying three thousand dollars in full adjustment of the legacy by her late husband.

3. That the Secretary is hereby instructed to forward to Mrs. Anna Bissell a certified copy of these resolutions.

Resolved, That the Michigan Annual Conference hereby approves the action of the Board of Trustees of the Division Street M. E. Church of Grand Rapids, in the adjustment of the legacy of the late Melville R. Bissell in the interest of the superanuated ministers of this conference.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Harvey Joslin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Division Street Church, Grand Rapids.

The tellers returned and reported. A. M. Gould having received 112 votes was declared elected, and M. M. Callan having received 73 votes the Conference instructed the Secretary to cast the ballot for him, which was done and the Bishop declared them elected as delegates to the Ecumenical Conference.

The Conference directed that the lay delegates to this Conference be elected by ballot on a plurality vote.

On motion of J. W. Reid, P. J. Maveety was elected an Assistant Secretary.

The Conference directed the Treasurer to pay sundry bills for incidental expenses, as follows: Treasurer, $5.75; Statistician, $8.67; and ordered the amount of the Parkhurst Fund ($18.55) paid to the Treasurer, subject to the order of the Board of Stewards.

On motion of N. L. Bray the relation of E. D. Young was changed from effective to superanuated, and he was made a claimant on the fund for this year.

On motion the $2,070.00 presented by the Book Concern was ordered into the treasury to the credit of the Board of Trustees.

The doxology was sung, and the conference was dismissed with the benediction by Bishop Foss.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 15, 1889.

Conference convened at 8:30; the Bishop in the chair.

L. M. Edmunds conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion the conference proceeded to the election of lay delegates to the Ecumenical Conference.

Pending the announcement of the vote the twentieth question was resumed.

N. L. Bray was called, his character passed, and he reported Coldwater District. The following effective elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: J. F. Orwick, W. A. Hunsberger, E. D. Young, S. C. Strickland, G. C. Draper, L. E. Lennox, J. T. Iddings, E. L. Kellogg, Wm. Denman, Wm. M. Paddock. The characters of A. Hunsberger, L. W. Earl and L. S. Matthews were passed.

On motion of N. L. Bray the relation of A. Hunsberger was changed from effective to superanuate; that of L. S. Matthews from effective to supernumerary.

The tellers returned and reported that the persons receiving the highest number of votes for Lay Ecumenical Delegates were Prof. Samuel Dickie, of Albion, 89, and Willis W. Cooper, of St. Joseph, 71, and the Bishop declared them elected.

D. W. Parsons was called, his character passed, and he reported Big Rapids District. The following effective elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: J. W. Miller, G. A. Odlum, W. J. Maybee, J. C. Beach, E. F. Newell and D. C. Reihl. The characters of C. W. Smith, N. M. Steele, Robt. Shorts and E. Treadgold were passed.

I. R. A. Wightman was called, his character passed and he reported Albion District. The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: J. C. Floyd, Jas. Hamilton, L. M. Edmunds, Thos. Cox, O. E. Wightman, Grosvernor Daniels, G. S. Hickey, A. N. Eldred and O. S. Paddock.

On motion of D. W. Parsons the name of Robt. Shorts was entered as withdrawn from the ministry, but not from the membership of our church.

The relation of E. Treadgold was changed from effective to supernumerary.

The characters of Jas. Webster, J. H. Potts, R. C. Welch and W. H. Brockway were passed.

E. Cooley, J. H. Tanner, M. W. F. Smith, J. W. White, W. P. Mosher, M. F. Loomis, John Clubine and G. W. Tuthill were called, their characters passed and their collections reported.

On motion the relation of Elias Cooley was changed from effective to superannuate, and on motion of A. J. Eldred the relation of J. W. White was changed from effective to supernumerary.

On motion of I. R. A. Wightman the Bishop was requested to appoint W. H. Brockway, agent of Albion College, J. H. Potts, editor of the Michigan Advocate, and R. C. Welch, professor in Albion College.

W. I. Cogshall presented the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Geo. L. Haight, who has for many years been a member of this conference, is now about to be transferred to another conference,

Resolved, That while we regret his departure from us, and place on record our appreciation of his faithful service in this field, we commend him to our brethren of the West Nebraska Conference as a dilligent pastor, a devoted student of God's Word, a faithful preacher of the same, and a brother beloved.

Resolved That if at any time Bro. Haight should desire to return to this conference, we will welcome him cordially to our ranks.

A. M. GOULD,
L. M. GARLICK,
M. M. CALLEN,
W. I. COGSHALL,
J. C. FLOYD,
D. F. BARNES.

G. W. Sherman presented the name of Walter Z. Cole, he was reported by the Examining Committee, represented by the Presiding Elder, and elected to Deacon's orders.

The character of James W. McAllister was passed and he reported his collections.

On motion of J. C. Floyd the Bengal Conference was requested to transfer the name of Mrs. Ida McCoy to this conference to be placed upon our list of conference claimants.

The following brethren reported their collections: I. W. Peach, D. M. Ward, E. A. Tanner, C. W. Smith, A. R. Keillor, O. J. Golden, W. R. Stinchcomb and Edward Tench.

The Committee on Conference Relations reported favorably in the matter of M. M. Miner, and on motion of J. W. Miller he was admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

Question thirteen was taken up, and Alfred F. Hart, John C. Chase, Wm. C. Muffitt, August F. Nagler, Geo. Killean, DeForest Ellsworth, John H. Bennett, Wm. P. Cook and Howard C. Chamberlain were called, their characters passed, they were reported by their Presiding Elders and the Examining Committee and they were advanced to Deacons of the second class.

On motion of D. W. Parsons, DeForrest Ellsworth was granted a certificate of location at his own request.

The transfer of D. L. Thomas to the Nebraska Conference was requested by his Presiding Elder.

D. L. Thomas, Arthur M. Griffith, Chas. H. Theobald, Judson V. Clancy, Gould E. Matthews, Robt. J. Floody, L. L. Tower and Arthur K. Stewart were continued as Deacons of the first class, and A. K. Stewart was granted permission to bring up the two years studies next year.

On motion the Bishop was requested to leave A. M. Griffith, J. V. Clancy, Robt. J. Floody, Robt. A. Wright and Thomas Nicholson without appointment to attend school.

L. L. Tower was given leave to bring up two years study next year, and John W. Arney was continued in the same class to which he now belongs. G. E. Mathews was continued in a superannuated relation.

A. J. Eldred presented the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which was adopted. [See report.]

It was ordered, by vote, that we have a session of the Conference at 2:30 this afternoon, and the Bishop appointed T. H. Jacokes to preside. It was further ordered that there be a session beginning at 7:30 P. M.

On motion of G. W. Gosling, the Nominating Committee was instructed to nominate a committee of three to audit the accounts of the treasurer.

A resolution in reference to the conference entertainment, offered by J. W. Reid, was made the order whenever the thirty-third question should be taken up.

A bill of $3 presented by the Treasurer, and one of $2 by the Statistician were allowed.

On motion of J. W. Reid the following clause was ordered to be inserted in Conference Rules of Order No. 16, and after the words "official journal of the conference": "He shall edit the minutes and all memoirs published therein, and shall make contracts for the publication thereof for the next ensuing annual conference."

The doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Foss.

SIXTH DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order at 2:00 P. M., by T. H. Jacokes.

R. C. Crawford conducted the devotional exercises.

A. J. Wheeler presented the report of the Statistician, which, on motion of C. G. Thomas, was adopted.

Thos. Cox presented the report of the committee on Nominations, reporting the committee to audit Treasurer's accounts, as follows: L. M. Edmonds, D. C. Reihl, H. D. Jordan, which was adopted.

The conference adopted the report of the committee on Sunday Schools presented by L. Master. (See report).

The committee on District Conference Records reported through E. T. Lumber, and the report was adopted. (See report).

J. Graham moved, and the motion prevailed, that the Secretary be instructed to furnish the Northwestern University notification of the election of Trustees and Visitors from this Conference, and also that the Secretary furnish each Trustee and Visitor with a certificate of election.

The Conference adopted the report of the committee on Sabbath Observance, presented by G. S. Barnes, and the Secretary was instructed to condense the report in his discretion. (See report).

S. L. Hamilton presented the report of the committee on Deaconesses, which was adopted. (See report).

The report of the committee on Conference Claimants, presented by J. Hamilton, was amended and adopted. (See report).

He also presented the report of the visitors to Albion College, which was adopted. (See report).

The report from the committee on Women's Home Missionary Society, presented by W. R. Stinchcomb, was adopted. (See report).

W. A. Hunsberger presented the report of the committee on Education, which was adopted. (See report.)

J. Graham and Willis W. Cooper were duly elected Trustees of Albion College, by ballot; and D. C. Reihl was elected Trustee of Northwestern University.

The report of the committee on Parsonages and Furniture, presented by L. M. Edmonds, was adopted. (See report).

J. F. Orwick reported from the committee on Epworth League, and the report was adopted. (See report).

The Conference adopted the report presented by W. M. Puffer, from the committee on Periodicals. (See report).

Geo. B. Kulp reported from the committee on Women's Foreign Missionary Society, which was adopted. (See report).

Thomas Cox presented the report from the committee on Nominations. (See standing committees).

P. J. Maveety, G. W. Gosling and R. S. MacGregor, were appointed a committee to revise the list of standing committees, and report at this session of the Conference.

A. D. Newton presented the report of the committee on Bible Cause, which was adopted. (See report).

L. DeLaMarter presented the report of the committee on Conference Register, and a Register which the committee had prepared during the year, together with a bill of $11.65 for the same. On motion, the report was adopted, and the Treasurer instructed to pay the bill. (See report).

Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by F. Glass.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference convened at 7:30 P. M., the Bishop presiding.

J. C. Floyd conducted the devotional exercises.

Question three was taken up, "Who remain on Trial?"

The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, were represented by their Presiding Elders, favorably reported by the examining committee, and were continued on Trial: Howard D. Skinner, Fred. W. Corbett, Herbert H. Rood, Arthur Trott, Wm. W. Divine, Samuel Trewin, Isaac W. Wallace, Frank H. Nix, Morris D. Townsend, Wm. A. Taylor, Alvin O. Carman, Fred. P. Sprague, Wm. L. Laufman, Edwin L. Odle, Edgar L. Sincleir, John A. DeGraff Jas. H. Wilcox, August H. Coors, S. C. Davis.

Chas. Nease was called, his character passed, represented by his Presiding Elder and examining committee, and was continued on Trial.

George H. Bennett and Mahlon A. Jacokes were called, their characters passed, were represented by their Presiding Elders, were continued in the class of the first year, and the Bishop was requested to leave them without appointment to attend school.

Hiram C. Dunsmore was called, his character passed, he reported his collections, was represented by his Presiding Elder, and was continued in the class of the first year.

Arthur E. North was called, his character passed, was represented by his Presiding Elder, and was discontinued.

P. J. Maveety introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Michigan Conference has assumed such large proportions as to make the matter of entertainment at its annual sessions a very serious obstacle to the selection of a place for holding the Conference, thus depriving many of our charges of the privileges of our annual session; therefore,

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders of the Districts shall be a committee on Conference entertainment, empowered to devise plans snd make arrangements for the entertainment of the ensuing annual Conference.

Signed :

JAS. W. REID,
A. M. GOULD,
L. MASTER,
M. M. CALLAN,
P. J. MAVEETY,
J. C. FLOYD,
THOMAS NICHOLSON.

Question No. two was taken up, "Who are admitted on Trial?" Louis Blanchet, Charles A. Cutler, Walter Z. Cole, Wellington Earl, Orville T. Hutchison, Robert G. Hildred, John W. Hart, Luther E. Lovejoy, William H. Moore, Elbert O. Mather, John W. MacDougall, Fred. L. Niles, Harry L. Rood, George W. Riggs, Judson H. Strickland, Alfred A. Stevens, John W. Sheehan, Herbert W. Thompson, Prentiss Whitman, Ernest W. Wood and William J. Wilson, were called to the altar of the church, introduced to the Conference, were reported from the committee on Conference Relations, were represented by their Presiding Elders, were duly recommended from their several Quarterly Conferences, favorably reported by the examining committee, and were admitted on Trial.

Adam Clarke, on the recommendation of his Presiding Elder, and his Quarterly Conference, and the report of the examining committee, was admitted on Trial.

Question seven, "Who are received on credentials from other churches?" was taken up. George Bullen, from the Newfoundland Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, was admitted into full connection, and his orders recognized, and he was passed to the list of effective elders.

The orders of Louis Kemerling, a local preacher from the Michigan Conference of the Evangelical Association of North America, were recognized.

The orders of Dempster D. Martin, from the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, were recognized, he was admitted into full connection in the Conference, and placed in the list of Traveling Deacons of the first-class.

The orders of John W. Vickers, from the Newfoundland Conference of the Methodist church of Canada, were recognized, he was admitted into full connection, and passed to the list of effective Elders.

The orders of Nelson R. Woods, as an Elder of the Free Methodist church of North America, were recognized, he was admitted into full connection, and placed in the list of Traveling Deacons of the first-class.

John Humfreis, from the Newfoundland Conference of the Methodist church of Canada, was admitted on Trial, and given credit for one year's study.

The orders of Atwell E. Hawley, as an Elder from the Methodist Protestant church, were recognized, he was received into full connection, and placed in the list of Traveling Deacons of the first-class.

Each of the above cases was duly reported from the committee on Conference Relations.

Thomas R. Rible was reported by his Presiding Elder, and, on motion of E. L. Kellogg, was continued on Trial.

William C. Muffitt was instructed to bring up Blackburn's Church History, and John H. Bennett, and Harman's Introduction for second year.

The Bishop and the Presiding Elders retired, and T. H. Jacokes took the chair.

A. M. Gould presented the report of the Board of Stewards, which was adopted. (See report).

On motion of J. H. Tanner, the surplus in the hands of the Board of Stewards, amounting to $31, was ordered to be paid to Elias Cooley.

On motion, the papers of the Bulgarian brother, Minko D. Papagoff, were referred to a committee, consisting of W. H. Brockway, L. M. Edmonds and A. M. Gould, who were directed to report to-morrow morning.

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by T. H. Jacokes.

SEVENTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 17, 1889.

Conference convened at 8:30 A. M., W. J. Aldrich in the chair by appointment of the Bishop. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. F. Orwick.

J. F. Orwick presented the report of the committee on Freedmen's Aid and S. E. S., which was adopted. (See report).

J. W. Rawlinson presented the report of the committee on State Revival Band which was adopted. (See report).

On motion of W. H. Brockway the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we request the publication of the semi-centennial sermon preached by Rev. S. Steele before this Conference in the *Michigan Christian Advocate.*

J. H. PITEZELL,
W. H. BROCKWAY,
T. H. JACOKES.

John Graham presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference be requested to appoint a committee of five to whom the plan submitted by J. G. Crozier, and the whole subject of creating an endowment fund for the worn out preachers of this Conference shall be committed with instructions to report at the next session of this annual Conference.

JOHN GRAHAM,
JAMES W. REID,
A. M. GOULD,
J. G. CROZIER,
J. C. FLOYD,
JAMES HAMILTON.
WM. DENMAN,
M. M. CALLEN.

On motion of J. K. Stark, the following were appointed the committee referred to in the resolution: John Graham, A. M. Gould, M. M. Callen, J. G. Crozier and J. W. Reid.

The Bishop took the chair at 9 A. M.

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The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

Question No. 18 was taken up, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" E. Wigle, S. M. Merritt, James Draper, Thomas Lyon, N. D. Marsh, B. W. Smith, R. Pengelly, J. H. Hopkins, A. Potter, W. Barrett, T. J. Hills, H. P. Henderson, C. B. Holding, J. Marzolf, A. E. Ketcham, R. H. Bready, W. J. Swift, H. S. Taft, H. B. Hunt, A. A. Knappen and D. C. Woodard were called and their characters passed.

The relation of C. W. Jones was changed from supernumerary to effective. J. W. Davids was announced as having been transferred to the Minnesota Conference.

The committee on Conference Relations reported recommending that D. G. Bruce be entered as permitted to withdraw under complaint having surrendered his parchments, and the report was adopted.

Question 19 was taken up, "Who are the Superanuated Preachers?" G. A. Vanhorn, Isaac Bennet, C. H. Morgan, J. H. Pitezel, J. W. Cawthorne, A. C. Beach, J. W. Halowell, A. A. Dunton, A. Wakefield, F. Glass, I. H. Skinner, T. Clark, C. Chick, L. J. Griffin, G. W. Hoag, J. S. Harder, L. M. Bennett, W. W. Johnson, G. L. Hicks, F. B. Bangs, B. S. Mills, C. T VanAntwerp, E. Marble, S Steele, D. S. Haviland, S. C. Woodard, N. L. Brockway, C H. Howe, E. D. Bacon, John Hoyt, A A. Rolfe, John Hills, J. S. Valentine, James Roberts, G. C. Elliott, C H. Fisher, W. W. Rork, G. E. Mathews and J. B. Knott were called, and their characters passed. Their relations were continued.

The relation of Delos Cronk was changed from effective to Supernumary. J. E. White's relation was changed from effective to Supernumary.

The relation of George D. Lee and R. C. Crawford was changed from effective to Superannuate. J. A. Weyant was granted a certificate of location at his own request. The relation of Byron E. Paddock was changed from effective to Supernumary.

G. C. Draper presented the report of the special committee on the Publication of the Minutes, recommending the payment of the bill of $10 presented by Ihling Bros. & Everhard. The report was adopted, and the Conference proceeded to take a collection to pay current expenses. $24.23 was realized from the collection.

Rev. Jacob Horton of the Detroit Conference was introduced.

The Conference adjourned to allow the P. S. F. S. to meet.

The session was resumed at 11 A. M., Bishop Foss in the chair.

P. J. Maveety presented the report of the committee appointed to revise standing committees. The report was adopted. The committee already elected was left for the ensuing year, and the report ordered into the hands of the nominating committee of next year for its guidance (See report).

On motion of J. W. Reid the Conference proceeded to elect Trustees for the ensuing year, and the following were elected: John Graham, T. H. Jacokes, A. M. Gould, A. D. Newton, G. W. Sherman, C. A. Jacokes, J. A. Sprague, J. W. Hallenbeck, and J. W. Mills. The Trustees immediately met and organized by the election of T. H. Jacokes, President; W. Gardner, Vice-President; A. D. Newton, Secretary; A. M. Gould, Treasurer.

I. R. A. Wightman presented the report of the committee on missions, which was confirmed. (See report).

The Conference by a rising vote adopted a resolution presented by N. L. Bray complimentary to Bishop Foss. (See resolution).

I. R. A. Wightman, secretary of the Board of Presiding Elders, presented the names of J. W. Rawlinson, C. L. Barnhart, S. L. Hamilton, G. S. Hickey, W. J. Maybee, L. E. Lennox, and W. J. Aldrich as Triers of Appeals, and the appointments for Examining committees (see Examining committees) and Conference Board of Church Extension; and Board of Church Location, (see Conference officers), all of which were confirmed by Conference action as required.

The Bishop announced the following transfers:

Abram H. Yokom, from West Wisconsin Conference; Cyrus A. Varnum from Northwest Iowa, J. P. Durham from West Nebraska; Richard R. Wightman from Northern New York; Washington Gardner from Cincinnati, and A. C. Jones from Detroit Conference; and also the following removed by Transfer: Joseph Wilkes to Montana; D. L. Thomas to Nebraska; Milo M. Miner to Columbia River, and George L. Haight to West Nebraska.

It was moved and carried that the question of locating the next annual Conference be referred to the Presiding Elders with power.

The Bishop announced that he would ordain Milo M. Miner and Walter Z. Cole as Deacons after the adjournment of Conference. The Conference directed that credit be given E. W. Laing for the studies in which he had passed this year, his Quarterly Conference failing through a mistake to send his recommendation.

E B. Patterson, Chairman Committee of First Year reported the names of the following persons with deficient studies which they were required to bring up: A. O. Carman, Theology, Rhetoric, History; J. H. Wilcox, Rhetoric and History; John A. DeGraff, Christian Perfection; F. P. Sprague, Rhetoric; Samuel Trewin, Theology; Frank H. Nix, History; Thomas Rible, Theology and History; H. D Skinner, Theology and History; I. W. Wallace, Theology and Rhetoric; E. L. Odle, Theology and History; M. A. Jacokes, Theology, Rhetoric and

History and Alex. T. Luther—all the studies except Christian Perfection.

A. A. Knappen presented a resolution of appreciation for the generous hospitality of Rev. L. Grosenbaugh, the members of the church and churches and citizens of Greenville, which was adopted by a rising vote. (See resolutions).

W. H. Brockway, from the special committee appointed yesterday, reported in case of Minko D. Papagoff, and on his motion a collection was ordered to assist this Bulgarian brother to attend Albion College, which amounted to $50. (See report). This was placed in the hands of W. H. Brockway for purpose named in report.

On motion of E. T. Lumber, the Conference proceeded to take another collection to meet current expenses, and the total amount reported from the Treasurer was $32.24.

W. I. Cogshall presented a resolution of thanks to the railroads and persons therein named, for favors rendered. (See resolutions).

The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and approved.

On motion of G. W. Gosling, it was ordered that after the Bishop shall have given the appointments the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*.

The Bishop briefly and tenderly addressed the Conference, after which he read the appointments. (See appointments). The Doxology was sung, and the Conference was dismissed with the benediction by Bishop Foss.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who are received by transfer, and from what Conference?

Joseph C. Cook, from the North Indiana Conference; John H. Buttleman, from the North Dakota Conference; Abram H. Yokom, from the West Wisconsin Conference; Cyrus A. Varnum, from the Northwest Iowa Conference; J. P. Durham, from the West Nebraska Conference; R. R. Wightman, from the North New York Conference; W. Gardner, from the Cincinnati Conference; A. A. Jones, from the Detroit Conference.

2. Who are admitted on trial?

Louis Blanchet, Chas. A. Cutler, Walter Z. Cole, Wellington Earle, Orville T. Hutchison, Robert G. Hildred, John W. Hart, Luther E. Lovejoy, Wm. H. Moor, Elbert O. Mather, John W. MacDougall, Fred L Niles, Harry L. Rood, Geo. W. Riggs, Judson H. Strickland, Alfred A. Stevens, John W. Sheehan, Herbert W. Thompson, Prentiss Whitman, Ernest W. Wood, Wm. J. Wilson, Adam Clarke, John Humfreis.

3 Who remain on Trial?

Howard D. Skinner, Frank H. Nix, Smith C. Davis, Fred W. Corbett, Mahlon A. Jacokes, Herbert H. Rood, Charles Nease, Geo H. Bennett, Morris D. Townsend, Arthur Trott, Wm. A. Taylor, William W Divine, Alvin O. Carman, Samuel Trewin, Frederick P. Sprague, Isaac W. Wallace, William L. Laufman, Hiram C Dunsmore, Edwin L. Odle, Edgar L. Sincleir, James H. Wilcox, John A. DeGraff, August N. Coors, Thos. R. Rible, Thos. Tindall, Norman E. Gibbs, Wm. Barth, Wm. H. B. Urch.

4. Who are discontinued?

Martin W. Snyder, Jacob Ruoff, Robt. M. Young, Arthur E. North.

5. Who are admitted into Full Connection?

Jas E. Arney, Arthur S. Williams, Wm. D. Rowland, John Dobson, Granger D Chase, Jas. S. Montgomery, Wm. F. Harding, Chas. J. Sonnema, Levi Aler, Irving Eagle, Milo M. Miner, Thos. Tindall, Alex T. Luther, Jos. C. Cook, Luther B. Kenyon, George Bullen, Dempster D. Martin, N. R. Woods, W. J. Vickers, Atwell E. Hawley.

6. Who are re-admitted ?

None.

7. Who are received on credentials from other Churches ?

Dempster D. Martin, Nelson R. Woods, Geo. Bullen, Wm. J. Vickers, Atwell E. Hawley, John Humfries.

8. What traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons ?

Jas. E. Arney, Wm. D. Rowland, Wm. F. Harding, Levi Aler, Jas. S. Montgomery, Jos. C. Cook, Luther B. Kenyon, Milo M. Miner, Dempster D. Martin, Nelson R Woods, Atwell E. Hawley.

9. What traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons ?

Jas. E Arney, Wm. D. Rowland, Jas. S. Montgomery, Wm. F. Harding, Levi Aler, Jos. C. Cook, Luther B. Kenyon, M. M. Miner.

10. What local Preachers have been elected Deacons ?

Walter Z. Cole, Edgar L. Sincleir, Chas, Nease, Anthony J. Comden.

11. What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

Edgar L Sincleir, Chas. Nease, Anthony J. Comden, Walter Z. Cole.

12. Who are traveling.Deacons of the First Class ?

D. L Thomas, Arthur M. Griffith, Chas. H. Theobald, Judson V. Clancy, Gould E. Matthews, Robt. J. Floody, L. L. Tower, Arthur K. Stewart, Chas. J. Sonnema, Alex. T. Luther, Jos. C. Cook, Luther B Kenyon, Jas. Montgomery, Jas. E. Arney, Wm. D. Rowland, Wm. F. Harding, Levi Aler, Arthur S. Williams, Granger D. Chase, Irving Eagle.

13. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class ?

A. E. Hart, W. C. Muffitt, John C. Chase, Aug. F. Nagler, George Killean, De Forrest Ellsworth, John H. Bennett. W. P. Cook, H C Chamberlain, John W. Arney.

14. What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders ?

Thomas Young, Wm. A. Frye, R W. Tindall, A. W. Bushee, S. C. Tiney, A. H. Sturgis, Thomas Nicholson, Wm. J. Douglass, F. L. Thompson, John H. Buttleman.

15. What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders ?

F. L. Thompson, Thomas Nicholson, Seward C. Tiney, Richard W. Tindall, A. W. Bushee, Arthur H. Sturgis, W. J. Douglass, J H. Buttleman, Thomas Young, Wm. A. Frye.

16. What local deacons have been elected Elders ?

John O. Snider, Alfred E. Craig.

17. What local deacons have been ordained Elders?

John O. Snider, Alfred E. Craig.

18. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

E. Wigle, S. M. Merritt, James Draper, Thomas Lyon, N. D. Marsh, B. W. Smith, R. Pengelly, J. H. Hopkins, W S. Sly, A. Potter, W. Bennett, T. J. Hill, H. P. Henderson, C B. Holding, J. Marzolf, A. E. Ketcham, R. H. Bready, W J. Swift, H. S. Taft, H. B. Hunt, A. A. Knappen, D. C. Woodard, H. S. Taft, Delos Cronk, L. S. Matthews, E. Treadgold, J. W. White, J. E. White, B. E. Paddock.

19. Who are the Superanuated Preachers?

Isaac Bennett, H Morgan, J. H. Pitezel, J. W. Cawthorne, A. C. Beach, J. W. Hollowell, A. A. Dunton, A. Wakefield, F. Glass, I. H. Skinner, T. Clark, C. Chick, L. J. Griffin, G. W. Hoag, J. S. Harder, L. M. Bennett, W. W. Johnson, G. L. Hicks, D. R. Latham, F. B. Bangs, Grosvenor Daniels, B. S. Mills, E. D. Young, B. S. Pratt, C. T. Van Antwerp, A. Hunsberger, Elias Cooley, E Marble, S. Steele, Geo. D. Lee, D. S. Haviland, R. C. Crawford, S. C. Woodard, N. L. Brockway, C. H. Howe, E. D. Bacon, John Hoyt, A. A. Rolfe, John Hills, J. S. Valentine, James Roberts, Geo. C. Elliott, C. H. Fisher, W. W. Rork, G. E. Matthews, J. B. Knott.

20. Was the character of each Preacher examined?

The character of each was considered in open Conference.

21. Have any died?

J. C. Ambrose, Wm. M. Coplin, Carmi C. Olds, James H. Richards, Isaac Taylor.

22. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?

Jos. Wilks, to Montana; Geo. L. Haight, to West Nebraska; M. M. Miner, to Columbia River; D. L. Thomas, to Nebraska; J. W. Davids, to Minnesota.

23. Have any withdrawn?

Robt. Shorts.

24. Have any been located at their own request?

De Forrest Ellsworth, J. A. Weyant.

25. Have any been located?

None.

26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?

D. G. Bruce, under complaints.

27. Have any been expelled?

None.

28. Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?

J. W. Rawlinson, C. L. Barnhart, S. L. Hamilton; G. S. Hickey, J. W. Maybee, L. E. Lennox, W. J. Aldrich.

29. What is the Statitiscal Report for this Conference year?

[See statistics.]

30. What are the claims on the Conference Fund ?

[See Steward's report.]

31. What has been received on the claims, and how has it been applied ?

[See Steward's report.]

32. Where are the Preachers stationed ?

[See appointments.]

33. Where shall the next Conference be held ?

Referred to Presiding Elders, with power.

The following were left without appointments to attend school:

A. M. Griffith, J. V. Clancy, Robt. J. Floody, Robt. A. Wright, Thos. Nicholson, A. E. Craig, Jas. S. Montgomery, C. J. Sonnema, H. P. Rankin, Mahlon A. Jacokes, Geo. H. Bennett.

APPOINTMENTS.

[The figures indicate the year of service now entered upon.]

ALBION DISTRICT—I. R. A. Wightman, Presiding Elder.

Postoffice address, Albion.

Albion—J. C. Floyd......... 2
Battle Creek—Jas. Hamilton.. 3
Bellevue—L. M. Edmonds ... 3
Concord—Thos. Cox......... 4
Eden—To be supplied.......
Hanover and Moscow—G. W. Tuthill.................. 1
Homer—E. O. Mather....... 1
Jackson—
  Cooper St—W. H. B. Urch. 2
  First Church—G. S. Hickey 3
  Haven Church — O. E. Wightman 1
Leroy—A. N. Eldred 2
Leslie—J. Webster 3
Liberty—L. B. Kenyon...... 2
Litchfield—O. S. Paddock.... 2
Marengo—John Clubine 1
Marshall—J. H. Tanner 2
Mosherville—H. C. Chamberlin..................... 1
Olivet and Partello — M. F. Loomis.................. 1
Parma—W. P. Mosher....... 2
Penfield—F. N. Janes........ 1
Springport—R. R. Wightman. 1
Tekonsha—M. W. F. Smith.. 1
Tompkins—To be supplied by Wm. Taylor.

J. H. Potts, editor of the *Michigan Christian Advocate*, member of Jackson First Church, Quarterly Conference.

R. C. Welch and Washington Gardner, Professors, and W. H. Brockway, Agent for Albion College, members of Albion Quarterly Conference.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—D. W. Parsons, Presiding Elder.

Postoffice address, Big Rapids.

Ashton—J. H. Strickland 1
Big Rapids—J. W. Miller 2
Calkinsville—E. L. Odle..... 2
Chase—To be supplied by G. H. Johnson................
Chippewa Lake—To be supplied.....................
Clare—L. L. Tower.......... 1
Coleman—J. R. Bowen 1
Crystal Valley—To be supplied by C. C. Coors.......
Dushville—To be supplied by N. M. Barnes.... ....
Evart—W. L. Laufman...... 1

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—Continued.

Farwell—E. F. Newell 1
Ferry—To be supplied by E. H. Inman.................
Fremont—J. H. Wilcox...... 1
Freesoil—To be supplied by D. Porterfield............
Gladwin—A. A. Stephens 1
Harrison—N. M. Steele...... 1
Hart—Geo. Killean.......... 1
Hersey—Levi Aler.......... 1
Hesperia—J. W. Sheehan.... 1
Holton—T. R. Rible....... .. 1
Howard City—A. F. Nagler.. 1
Ludington—
  First Church—W. J. Maybee 2
  Fourth Ward and Buttersville—J. A. DeGraff. 1
Luther—J. C. Beach 3
Manistee—F. L. Thompson .. 2
Marion—To be supplied by S. C. Wheeler...............
Meredith—To be supplied....
Montague—F. W. Corbett.... 1
Morley—W. J. Douglass. 1
Mt. Pleasant—G. A. Odlum... 1
Paris—To be supplied ....
Pentwater—A. H. Coors...... 2
Pierson—C. W Smith 1
Reed City—D. C. Reihl...... 2
Remus—Wellington Earl.. .. 1
Sanford—C. H. Thebold. 2
Scottville and Riverton Indian Mission—To be supplied by J. W Perkins.............
Sherman City—To be supplied by H. D. Martin...........
Shelby—G. A Buell......... 1
Shepherd—E. L Sincleir 2
Stanwood and Altona—S. C. Tiney..... 1
Summit—H. D. Skinner 2
Vandecar and Indian Mission—To be supplied..........
White Cloud—To be supplied.
Whitehall—G. D. Chase.. ... 2

COLDWATER DISTRICT—N. L. Bray, Presiding Elder.

Postoffice address, Coldwater.

Allen—To be supplied by J. R. Skinner...................
Athens—W. C. Muffit........ 1
Bronson—E. A. Tanner...... 1
Burlington—L. W. Earl...... 2
Burr Oak—H. W. Thompson. 2
Butler—N. R. Woods........ 2
Cambria—To be supplied by E. W Laing . ...
Camden—Adam Clarke...... 1
Centerville—J. F. Orwick.... 3
Coldwater—W A Hunsberger. 4
Coldwater Circuit—H. L. Rood 1
Colon—Wm. Barth.......... 1
Constantine—S. C. Davis..... 1
Gilead—J. W. Hart.......... 1
Girard—J. P. Durham 1
Hillsdale—G. C. Draper...... 3
Jonesville—W. H. Parsons... 1
Kinderhook—To be supplied by W. J. Tarrant.......... 2
North Adams—S. C. Strickland 1
Osseo—W. M. Paddock...... 1
Quincy—E. L. Kellogg....... 4

COLDWATER DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

Ransom—To be supplied by A. Potter	
Reading—J. T. Iddings	3
Sherwood—D. D. Martin	1
Sturgis—L. E. Lennox	1
Union City—J. G. Crozier	1
White Pigeon—H. H. Rood	2
Wheatland—To be supplied by Robert Batterby	

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—J. I. BUELL, Presiding Elder.

Postoffice address—Grand Rapids

Ada—J. N. Dayton	2
Ashland—C. A. Cutler	1
Berlin and Lamont — A S. Williams	1
Byron Center and Dorr—J. W. Buell	2
Caledonia—J. H. Bennett	1
Cannonsburg—R. N Middleton	1
Casnovia—C. W. Jones	1
Cedar Springs—H. D. Jordan	2
Coopersville—Geo. Varion	2
Grand Haven—C. A. Varnum	1
Grand Rapids—	
Ames Church—E. H. King	1
Division Street—John Graham	5
East Street—Wm. Denman	1
Plainfield Avenue — A. J. Wheeler	1
Second Street—J W. Reid	2
Grandville—A. H. Yokom	1
Hastings—W. M. Puffer	2
Hastings Circuit—W D. Rowland	3
Holland—Wm. Jennings	1
Irving—G. E. Hollister	2
Middleville—T. T George	3
Muskegon—W. J Aldrich	5
Newaygo—Richard Shire	1
North Muskegon—I. W. Peach	1
Nunica—To be supplied	
Ravenna—To be supplied by M. J. Brownell	
Rockford—John Klose	1
Sparta—J. W. Horner	1
Spring Lake—W. A. Frye	3
Wayland—To be supplied	
West Olive—To be supplied by C. W. Marshall	

A. H. Gillett, agent for the Sunday School Union for the South and West; member of Division Street Quarterly Conference

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT—G W. SHERMAN, Presiding Elder.

Postoffice address—Traverse City.

Alba—To be supplied by J. H. Collins	
Bear Lake—Prentiss Whitman	2
Bellaire—To be supplied by A. L. Thurston	
Benzonia—W. H. Moor	1
Boyne City—To be supplied by I. C Burdge	
Cadillac—J. K Stark	2
Cadillac Circuit—O. D. Watkins	3

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

Charlevoix—D. O. Ball...... 1
Clarion and Indian Mission—To be supplied by J. W. Holliday................
Cross Village—Thos Tindall . 2
East Jordan—Jehial Gulick... 1
Elk Rapids—A J. Eldred.... 3
Fife Lake—To be supplied by C. N. Coulter ....
Frankfort—J. W. Steffe...... 1
Harbor Springs—G. S. Barnes 3
Inland and Oviatt—E W. Wood 1
Ironton—To be supplied by Arthur Morris.............
Kalkaska—To be supplied J. F. McKinley.................
Kingsley—To be supplied....
Lake City—G. W Howe..... 1
Leroy—D. A. Green......... 1
Mackinaw City—To be supplied by John Sharp.......
Mancelona—G. S. Robinson.. 1
Manton—Willard Heath..... 2
Marilla and Cleon—To be supplied ....
Monroe Center—To be supplied by I. Kenny..........
Northport and Indian Mission—Irving Eagle............ 1
Norwood—B. H. Whitman... 3
Petoskey—David Engle...... 1
Sherman—James Allen...... 1
Spencer Creek—E. G. Stevens 2
Stittsville—W. Z. Cole....... 2
Thorp—To be supplied......
Torch Lake and Indian Mission—S. P. Hewitt......... 2
Traverse City—F. C. Lee..... 2
Traverse City Circuit—A. W. Bushee 1
Williamsburg — Louis Blanchett..................... 1

IONIA DISTRICT—A. P. MOORS, Presiding Elder.

Postoffice address, Ionia.

Belding—William Judd...... 2
Bowne—A. R. Keillor........ 3
Carson City—J. W. Hallenbeck 1
Coral—To be supplied by S. W. LaDue...................
Crystal—To be supplied......
Danby—F. A. VanDeWalker.. 1
Edmore—W. J. Wilson...... 1
Freeport—M. D. Townsend.. 2
Greenville—L. Grosenbaugh.. 4
Greenville Circuit—John Dobson..................... 2
Hubbardston—L. M. Garlick. 1
Ionia—A. M. Gould.......... 3
Lake Odessa—To be supplied
Lakeview—H. R. Hawley.... 2
Langston—To be supplied by James Westbrook..........
Lowell—A. T. Luther........ 3
Lyons and Muir—F. J. Freeman...................... 1
Orange—Albert Smith....... 1
Orleans—G. W. Riggs....... 1
Palo—O. J. Golden.......... 1
Portland—E. T. Lumber..... 1
Saranac—J. W. Arney........ 1
Sheridan—N. E. Gibbs...... 1
Stanton—Charles Nease...... 2
Vergennes and Keene—To be supplied by G. A. Myers...
Woodland—T. H. Jacokes.... 1

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—D. F. Barnes, Presiding Elder.

Postoffice address, Kalamazoo.

Allegan—H. S. Bargelt	2
Augusta—James Berry	2
Banfield—J. C. Chase	2
Bloomingdale—Samuel Kitzmiller	2
Climax—L. W. Calkins	3
Comstock—John Humfreis	1
Cooper—Arthur Trott	2
Douglass—J. W. McDougal	1
Fennville—H. C. Dunsmore	2
Galesburg—W. A. Bass	2
Ganges—W. W. Divine	1
Goblesville—R. G. Hildred	1
Kalamazoo—	
First Church—W. I. Cogshall	1
Simpson Church—E. V. Armstrong	1
Kendall—W. F. Harding	1
Lacota—R. W. Tindall	1
Martin—S. D. McKee	3
Mendon—W. P. French	1
Mill Grove—To be supplied by Stillman George.	
Monterey—I. W. Wallace	2
Nottawa and Bradley Indian Mission—To be supplied	
Oshtemo—A. E. Hawley	1
Otsego—G. B. Kulp	3
Parkville—J. T. Cook	1
Plainwell—J. W. Rawlinson	3
Prairieville—O. H. Perry	3
Richland—To be supplied	
Saugatuck—W. T. Cook	1
Schoolcraft—Joshua White	2
South Haven—A. T. Ferguson	3
Springbrook—To be supplied by J. S. Ward	
Three Rivers—J. A. Sprague	2
Vicksburg—A. C. Jones	1
Waukeshma—Geo. Donaldson	2

LANSING DISTRICT—W. H. Thompson, Presiding Elder.

Postoffice address, Lansing,

Alma—J. W. Vickers	1
Bath—W. A. Taylor	2
Breckenridge—A. O. Carman	2
Charlotte—C. L. Barnhart	3
Dewitt—D. M. Ward	2
Eagle—A. W. Burns	2
Eaton Circuit—To be supplied by W. W. Chatfield	
Eaton Rapids—Louis DeLaMarter	1
Elm Hall—F. L. Niles	1
Elsie—G. L. Mount	4
Fowler—To be supplied by Jacob Mesner	
Grand Ledge—Edwin Tench	1
Gresham—Thos. Young	2
Ithaca—C. A. Jacokes	5
Lansing—	
Central Church—M. M. Callen	5
First Church—W. M. Colby	3
Maple Rapids and Greenbush—R. S. McGregor	2
Mason—A. D. Newton	4
Nashville—A. K. Stewart	1
Okemos—A. H. Sturgis	2
Ovid—P. J. Maveety	3

LANSING DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

Potterville—Thomas Riley	3
St. Johns—C. G. Thomas	1
St. Louis—A. F. Hart	2
Sickles and Ashley—F. P. Sprague	1
Shepardsville—George Bullen	1
Vermontville—J. H. Thomas	3
Wacousta and Delta—J. W. McAllister	1
Winfield—D. W. Fow	1

NILES DISTRICT—LEVI MASTER, Presiding Elder.

Postoffice address, Niles.

Bangor and Breedsville—Uri Mason	1
Benton Harbor—E. B. Patterson	3
Berrien Springs—G. W. Gosling	2
Buchanan—J. H. Buttleman	1
Cassopolis—Isaiah Wilson	3
Coloma and Watervliet—J. R. Oden	1
Decatur—W. W. Lamport	2
Dowagiac—S. L. Hamilton	1
Eau Claire—To be supplied by J. H. Schweinfurth	
Edwardsburg—W. N. Younglove	1
Galien—Samuel Trewin	1
Hartford—Wm. A. Prouty	2
Keeler and Silver Creek—O. T. Hutchison	2
Lawrence—Robert Bramfitt	1
Lawton—E. H. Day.	
Marcellus—W. R. Stinchcomb	2
Mattawan—To be supplied by S. S. Slyter	2
Mottville and Union—C. S. Fox	1
Niles—M. D. Carrel	1
Paw Paw—W. J. Hathaway	2
Pokagon—I. B. Tallman	1
St. Joseph—J. W. H. Carlisle	1
Stevensville—F. H. Nix	1
Three Oaks—L. E. Lovejoy	2
Vandalia—J. E. Arney	1

J. M. Reid, Honorary Corresponding Secretary of Missionary Society, member of Niles Quarterly Conference.

H. P. Rankin, A. E. Craig, J. V. Clancy, R. J. Floody, A. M. Griffith, R. A. Wright, Thos. Nicholson, J. S. Montgomery, M. A. Jacokes, G. H. Bennett, left without appointment to attend our schools.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATIONS.

This is to certify that, in Greenville, Mich., on Sunday, September 15, 1889, I ordained James E. Arney, William D. Rowland, James S. Montgomery, William F. Harding, Levi Aler, Joseph C. Cook, Luther B. Kenyon, Charles Nease, Anthony J. Comden and Edgar L. Sincleir, as Deacons; that in the same place, on Tuesday, September 17, 1889, I ordained Milo M. Miner and Walter Z. Cole, as Deacons; and that on Sunday, September 15, 1889, in the same place, assisted by several Elders, I also ordained Thomas Young, William A. Frye, Richard W. Tindall, Albert W. Bushee, Seward C. Tiney, Arthur H. Sturgis, Thomas Nicholson, William J. Douglass, Fayette L. Thompson, John H. Buttleman, John O. Snider and Alfred E. Craig as Elders.

Cyrus D. Foss

Greenville, Mich., September 17, 1889.

The foregoing Journal of the daily session, together with the reports following, is a correct, and complete record of the proceedings of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the year 1889, and was, by vote of the Conference, made the official Journal.

Cyrus D. Foss

President.

Attest:

Jas. W. Reid

Secretary.

Greenville, Mich., September 17, 1889.

ALBION COLLEGE.

READ THE YEAR BOOK!

Ministers read it. Laymen read it. Young People read it. The first sixty-eight pages contain a Symposium of Education, in which there is a discussion of some of the most important educational questions of the day, as related to the Public Schools, Colleges and Universities. The next thirty-five pages are devoted to Special Contributions, such as "The New Life of the College of To-day;" "The Young Man of Power;" "Studies by the Political Science Research Class;" "The Volapuk or Universal Language."

Sixty-two pages are then given to the statement of the Appliances and Work at the College. In the closing thirty-one pages we have presented the Officers, Faculty and Students of the Institution.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SKELETON EXHIBIT OF THE

DEPARTMENTS OF THE INSTITUTION

College.	Providing four courses of study requiring the same time—four years—for completion. Conferring four first degrees, B. A., B. Ph., B. S., and B. L.
Conservatory of Music.	Providing a four years' Musical Course. A Diploma granted on graduation. Providing a six years' Musical and Literary Course. Degree of B. Mus. conferred.

School of Painting.	Providing a four years' Painting Course—student receiving a Diploma on graduation. Providing a six years' Painting and Literary Course. Degree of B. P. conferred.
Preparatory School.	This school prepares for each of the four College Courses, and covers a period of four years of instruction.
Academic Department.	This department is arranged for students who do not desire to prepare for college, or take any of the languages.
Commercial Department.	This department is arranged on a plan to furnish considerable literary work with Commercial studies, so as to send out intelligent business men.
Department of Oratory.	This department has just been created, and helps to round out the work of the institution.

The College has adopted some methods for advanced work not common in the institutions of this country. These methods contribute to greater independence of thought and thoroughness of research—hence a better preparation for the activities of life. Something more than one-half of the studies in the College are elective; this enables the student to direct his energies to lines of work which lead up towards the special profession or business to which he expects to devote his life.

The Institution has a finely equipped Astronomical Observatory; a Library rich in works adapted to the wants of College life; a valuable and growing general Museum; a unique Map-Museum; a series of well equipped Laboratories—Chemical, Biological and Physical; a thoroughly furnished Conservatory of Music, and a charming Art Studio and Gallery.

At the head of all the Departments are men of extensive scholarship.

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L. R. FISKE, L. L. D.,
President,
ALBION, MICH.

ANNIVERSARIES.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This anniversary preceded the Conference, being held on Tuesday evening, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenville. Mrs. M. D. Moors presided. Mrs. H. E. Taylor presented the annual report and Mrs. Moors presented the Society's "articles of belief." The chief address was made by Miss Franc Baker, and was an earnest and inspiring effort, full of facts and incidents calculated to impress and enthuse the hearers. The meeting was enjoyable and profitable.

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

L. DeLaMarter presided. Hymn 204 was sung and David Engle offered prayer. W. H. Brockway, Treasurer of the society, made his annual report which showed that about twenty young men had received aid from the educational fund, and that $39.74 remained in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Conference double quartette sang "All For Jesus." This Conference choir was an interesting and highly appreciated factor in all the anniversaries.

Dr. L. R. Fiske made the first address. He spoke of the work of the Board of Education, called attention to the provisions of the discipline on this line, and made a strong plea for higher education among our young people, but particularly among our ministers. He portrayed the prosperity of Albion College in glowing terms, and his announcement that Hon. H. M. Loud, of Oscoda, had given $30,000 to this institution the day before, was received with applause.

Chaplain C. C. McCabe followed in a short speech. He said there was a great conspiracy in this world to keep people from knowing anything. Hindooism, Romanism, and half a score of other isms were linked together in this conspiracy. It is the work of our colleges to overthrow this shameless league. He dwelt upon the fact that all great inventions, etc., that have blessed mankind in this and other ages were the product of devout minds.

At the conclusion of his address he sang several selections to the delight of the audience.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

M. D. Carrel presided. The meeting was addressed by Rev. W. A. L. Davidson, D. D., assistant Secretary of the Sunday School Union. He gave a full explanation of the work of the Union, showing particularly the destitution of the South, and the necessity for an extension of the work in that section. He made an eloquent and telling speech and urged the ministers to bring full collections for this cause next year.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

A. J. Eldred presided. Isaiah Wilson offered prayer. The chief address of the evening was made by Rev. George W. Gray, D. D., assistant Corresponding Secretary of this society. He briefly outlined its work. He said there must be a general intelligence on the part of our people if our government was to be maintained. He gave some telling incidents illustrative of the ignorance and literary destitution south of Mason and Dixon line. He said that a couple of years ago 78 members of the Legislature of Louisiana could not read a word, and the Lieutenant-Governor told him that he could sit in his office and figure up almost to a cent what it would cost to get a bill through that body, as every man had his price from one dollar up. He did not believe this southern question could be settled by any political party; it must be taken up and settled by the church, by means of a christian's gospel, which brought christian education in its wake. This address was full of facts, enthusiastically, yet logically and candidally presented, and was well received. He called for subscriptions to his new magazine, "*The Christian Educator*," and received a large number.

The officers of this Conference Society as elected were:

President—A. J. Eldred.

Vice-President—George Donaldson.

Secretary—R. S. MacGregor.

Treasurer—E. V. Armstrong.

The meeting closed with singing and the benediction by L. W. Earl.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2:30 P. M., Rev. A. M. Gould, of Ionia, preached the annual missionary sermon, an earnest, concise, and scriptural plea for world wide extension of Christ's kingdom, founded on the text, "Go ye into all the world, etc.—All power is given unto me, etc." At the conclusion of the sermon Mrs. E. H. King took the chair and called on Mrs. W. J. Aldrich of Muskegon, who presented the annual report of the Conference W. H. M. S. It showed that a gratifying increase had been made both in membership and in the amount raised by the society. A total of $1,360.41 had been raised and disbursed during the year.

Rev. Dr. Gray then addressed the meeting. His address was mostly taken up with a description of the field open to the society among the white and colored people of the South. He urged a hearty support for the women in their God-appointed work.

After a brief speech by Mrs. M. D. Moors a collection was taken and the meeting dispersed with the Doxology and benediction.

ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Dr. J. Graham presided, and J. G. Crozier led the devotional exercises.

After a short speech by Dr. Graham he introduced Dr. J. F. Berry of the *Michigan Advocate* who made a humorous and impressive speech. He said he had become profoundly interested in the work of the Church Extension Society. The two points upon which he dwelt were, that it pays to build churches, it being the best investment any community can make; and that the church is the great basal rock on which our civilization, and all that is worth preserving in it is built.

Rev. M. D. Carrel then spoke in the interests of the Epworth League. He gave a full explanation of its origin, work, organization, etc., and showed how it was adapted to secure uniformity among our young people's societies.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Berry.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

SATURDAY EVENING.

James Hamilton presided.

R. C. Crawford offered prayer.

On the platform were R. C. Crawford, G. C. Elliott, J. W. Cawthorne, J. H. Pitezell, Thomas Clark, E. D. Young, F. B. Bangs, and others from our most venerable fathers.

A. M. Gould presented the financial statement for the year. The collections from charges had been $6,170.69 and the receipts from all sources $9,064.71, an increase of $1,620 for the year. There had, however, been an increase in the number of claimants from 67 last year to 75 this year.

William Denman was the first speaker. He thought this Conference Claimants matter ought to be removed altogether from the realms of benevolence, and placed upon the same footing as the claims of the pastor, presiding elder, or bishop. It was a just debt which we owed to the founders of our church.

J. G. Crozier presented a plan for raising a $300,000 endowment for this purpose, which was referred to a committee for consideration.

James W. Reid was the next speaker. He insisted that our worn out ministers ought not to be as tramps at the back door. In the early history of our church the superannuated and the effective men had precisely the same allowance. We must have a strong ministry for everything in the church at last comes back to the ministry for its impetus, and the key of the situation to secure a strong ministry lies in the direction of assuring our men that in age and infirmity they will be generously cared for. Assure the ministry of this, and men will throw their life forces into this work with a consecrated vim such as the church has never known. He made a strong plea for a liberal support for these aged men and for a good collection on the morrow. Doxology was sung, and benediction pronounced by Thomas Clark.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Our inspiring love feast began at 9 A. M., led by Levi Master. Dr. D. F. Barnes offered prayer. About seventy persons testified in the limited time at their disposal. Among the most notable testimonies were the following:

Father Isaac Bennett, feeble and tremblingly leaning upon his staff, said: "Sixty years ago I gave my heart to God. Thirty years ago I started out on Gilead Circuit. I was admitted into this Conference and ordained a Deacon at its first session, in 1836. Now, while I tremble under the weight of years I SAY if I cannot *sing*, 'O, happy day that fixed my choice on thee my Savior and my God.' Oh, it was a happy day. I say this morning. Oh, blessed work of consecration, when I gave my heart and hand to God and to this Conference. I am at peace with all men. I won't have to stop at the gate to make an apology to any man, thank God. I look within, and there is a good look forward. I never expect to meet you in an annual Conference again; I do not think I shall ever be able to come again, and the loss of memory, which I now begin to suffer, robs me of much of the pleasure, when I do come, but I expect to meet you in heaven. Brethren, press into the kingdom, and take all with you you can."

Isaiah Wilson said: "I have ceased to wander round and round, and now I am going straight up, glory to God!"

T. H. Jacokes: "I think I am a little more mellow and a little riper than a year ago, and I begin to feel as if God would soon reach out his hand and take the ripened fruit to himself."

Father S. C. Moon, over 90 year old, said: "A few years ago, at Bay View, I got a great uplift. I don't know that I got as high as Paul (to the third heaven), but it did seem to me I was up among the tops of those big trees, and I have lived up there ever since. Jesus, precious Jesus, permeates even to the outer rim of my being. I am now ready to depart. Surely the time of my departure is near at hand, but it is all bright ahead. I *know* that henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness. Brethren, I expect soon to be crowned."

This love feast was a precious season. At 10:30 Bishop Foss entered, and after prayer by Dr. John Graham, he preached an eloquent and inspiring sermon from Hebrews XI: 1. "Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." He gave an exposition of the latter part of chapter X and of chapter XI, showing the connection of the text, then he said that one office of faith was to see the unseen. The unseen stars give more light than the seen ones. So here we have fourteen stars of the first lustre, and a whole galaxy of unnamed heroes. He stated four leading propositions as follows:

1. Faith sees the unseen.
2. Faith is closely akin to the higher faculties of the soul at their topmost reach, and is superior to them all.
3. Faith is distinctive of men; angels do not need it; brutes do not have it.
4. Faith immensely dignifies and glorifies man.

Two things there were then that impressed us: First, the power and reality of unseen things; second, the law of cause and effect. Man wants God and will worship. We have in this book (the Bible) a revelation of God the object of acceptable worship. Then followed the revelation of the Redeemer, and after that the glorification of saved souls illustrated by Enoch, Elijah, etc. But the hard thing is not to die, it is to live; so we find in this chapter three verses given to these grand revelations and thirty, or ten times as many to show us that the grace of God is sufficient for us in life. He then exhorted faith in God, to freedom from murmuring, and to continual rejoicing. God's help always comes in the nick of time. Never too early, and that is our comfort; never too late, and that is our safety. He closed with the narration of a thrilling incident of an English martyr, who though he prayed earnestly for grace to be burned, did not receive it until he came to the stake, showing that we are not to look for help and grace before they are needed. But they will come in time. At the close of the sermon a class of ten deacons were presented by Dr. D. F. Barnes and ordained by the Bishop.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The class of twelve elders was presented by W. J. Aldrich and ordained by the Bishop, assisted by J. I. Buell, G. W. Sherman and W. J. Aldrich, before the memorial service.

Geo. S. Hickey presided. The choir sang "Abide with Me," and J. H. Pitezel offered prayer.

W. H. Thompson read the memoir of Carmi C. Olds. That of John C. Ambrose was presented by Thos. Nicholson. Dr. D. F. Barnes read the memoirs of Jas. H. Richards. The memoir of Isaac Taylor was read by L. M. Edmonds; the memoirs of Dr. Frank L. McCoy by W. I. Cogshall and that of Wm. M. Coplin by I. R. A. Wightman.

The choir sang a beautiful and appropriate selection, "Thy will be done," and W. J. Aldrich presented the memoir of Mrs. C. H. Howe. The memoir of Mrs. R. C. Welch was presented by J. C. Floyd; that of Mrs. J. W. Robinson by W. A. Hunsberger. A. P. Moors presented the memoir of Mrs. D. C. Woodard. Jos. R. Skinner spoke of the decease of Mrs. J. H. Skinner, and Dr. J. Graham of that of Mrs. H. Morgan.

It was ordered that the memoirs be adopted and printed in the minutes.

The choir sang "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand," and the benediction was pronounced by G. S. Hickey.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

At 7:30 was held the anniversary of the Missionary Society.

J. W. H. Carlisle presided and J. C. Floyd offered prayer.

The report of the Treasurer, W. J. Hathaway, showed that the amount raised during the year was $13,723.23, an increase of $1,226.33 over last year.

The report of the Secretary, D. C. Riehl, showed that our missionary contributions had increased 100 per cent. in ten years, while the membership of the church had increased 24 per cent. in the same time. The church collection had increased 48 per cent. and the Sunday school 393 per cent. In 1880 the contributions were nineteen cents per member; now they are thirty-five cents, a gratifying increase.

Bishop Foss was then introduced and made a stirring and eloquent address on the interrogatory, "Do foreign missions pay?" We regret that we have not space for this grand address.

He was followed by Dr. J. F. Berry, of the Michigan Advocate, who said that he might be considered the exhorter of the evening. He did much more than exhort, however, making an enthusiastic and well reviewed address.

REPORTS.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To the Michigan Annual Conference :

Your Committee on W. F. M. S. submit the following report :

During the Conference year now closing the Women's Foreign Missionary Society celebrated its twentieth anniversary with special services commemorating the wonderful guidance and prosperity God has bestowed upon them. During these twenty years it has raised $1,886,000 and sent into foreign lands one hundred and forty missionaries, and to it also belongs the honor of having inaugurated the Woman's Medical Missionary work. The growth of the Society and the interest in missions created by it in the church can be seen by comparing the receipts of 1870, $22,397.99, with those of 1888, amounting to $206,308.69, and also in the fact that in 1888 they sent more missionaries into the field than in any previous year. But as we are more intimately connected with the N. W. Branch of this organization, your Committee would call your special attention to the most excellent record it has made during the past year. Total auxiliaries, 1,097; organized during the year, 111; subscribers to the Heathen Women's Friend, 4,634; German edition, 492. New Life Members, 309; Honorary Members, 17. The Publication Committee has issued 2,500 Annual Reports, 1,700 blanks, 1,000 Thank Offering circulars, and 9,636 pages of leaflets for Thank Offering day.

This branch supports 157 scholarships, fifteen missionaries, twenty assistant missionaries, twenty teachers and Bible women, twenty-five day, city and village schools, and has shares in buildings in all the eight fields reporting.

In the receipts from this work for the twelve Conferences within this branch, $45,516.77, we are pleased to report the Michigan Conference as surpassed by only one other.

In view of these facts proving the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to be an efficient agency in the work of bringing the whole to Christ, be it

Resolved, That we pledge these elect women our heartiest co-operation in sustaining their work on our several charges.

GEORGE B. KULP,
E. B. PATTERSON,
G. L. MOUNT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Your Committee on Conference Claimants met at Grand Rapids Second street parsonage, at an early date following the last session of the Annual Conference to mature plans for the better support of our superannuates and the widows and orphans of those who have died in the work. We regarded it a happy circumstance that we could meet in the home of Rev. J. W. Reid, whose fertile brain and generous heart have suggested so many things valuable to this and other interests of our Conference. As a result of our deliberations a circular letter was prepared and addressed to the pastors, 40,000 cards printed and distributed, and a standing advertisement published in the *Michigan Christian Advocate* to the effect that the small sum of "a penny a week" from the membership of our church would be sufficient to raise the magnificent aggregate of $20,000 from collections alone. Surely *fifty cents* per member is not too much for this sacred cause, and we hope the instruction of the Conference this year to the Presiding Elders will be to assess 10 per cent. advance on last year to their districts. When there is so much want and suffering, and the Board of Stewards are at their wits' end to know how to relieve necessitous cases, there is surely a demand for a still more vigorous advance. In the meantime the members of the Conference should organize a Superannuated Fund that will give adequate support to all our retired brethren in their declining years. We hope the plan to be submitted by the committee appointed at the Conference Claimants meeting, or something similar may be adopted by the Conference at its present session. With claimants increasing rapidly, and our means to meet these claims so inadequate, it is high time some other and better plan were devised.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HAMILTON,
J. W. HALLENBECK,
D. C. RIEHL.

PERIODICALS.

There are 17,107 periodical publications in the United States and Canada. There were 34,799,500 copies of these periodicals issued last year. This circulation gives two periodicals to every group of five persons or to every family and nearly 6,000,000 regular subscriptions over to supply those who take more than two. Two hundred and twenty-seven copies a year of some periodical on an average go to every family. Every other family takes a monthly. Nearly one-half the families take a daily. These facts give to us some conception of the enormous extent of periodical publications. The peculiarly popular form óf literature is periodical. Almost everybody reads the newspapers. So great is the power exerted by them that men of the highest ability and the greatest culture are in increasing numbers attracted to journalism as a career. Mary people are indebted largely for their outlook upon the world, which lies beyond the range of their daily experience, to the newspaper. In it they find also much of the discussion, which comes before their minds on politics, social and business relations and great moral reforms. All trades, all wits, all parties, all different schools of thought in philosophy must have their organ to advance their interests and ideas.

While there exists this great tendency to express thought in so many lines in periodicals and to them the people turn so continuously for information and discussion, the church needs to see to it that in periodical literature Evangelical Christianity shall be properly represented and taught. This is demanded, too, because newspapers are so largely business enterprises. Those, who have deeply regretted that so few secular newspapers, have as a chief purpose to elevate the moral sentiments of the community, are called unpractical enthusiasts. We are told that newspapers are made to sell, to reflect or follow, not to lead the moral sentiment of the people. There is need of periodicals, which have a directly moral and religious purpose, which are to give information about religious things, to supplement the work of the pulpit in religious exhortation and discussion, and to enter into discussions, which the pulpit can not and ought not often to undertake, representing and defending Christian philosophy and the institutions of the church.

We do not fail to note that secular newspapers are coming to give more space to religious news and religious discussion and since it is done on the business principle of publishing what the people want to read, it is a healthful sign of the times.

A representation of the support given to different kinds of religious periodicals is a further indication of religious tendencies. In the United States and Canada there were in 1885 19 non-evangelical religious periodicals, with a combined circulation of 63,679; 76 Roman Catholic periodicals with a combined circulation of 586,958, and 398 Evangelical religious periodicals with a combined circulation of 2,263,302. Among evangelical bodies Methodism leads both in the number and circulation of its periodicals, having 77 with a combined circulation of 591,505.

The Baptist churches comes here with 74 periodicals, and a combined circulation of 378,981. As is seen by comparing statistics herein given Methodism alone surpasses the Romanists in the United States and Canada both in the number, and combined circulation of periodicals.

We rejoice over the grand periodical literature of our church. The work done by our periodicals covers a wide range, items of interest about persons and churches, phases of experience, our church polity, the need for our benevolent societies and the work done by them, work of other denominations, elaborate discussions, which can be successfully carried on only by very learned men.

The Methodist Review is so strong and stimulating as that the reading of it will greatly enlarge and arouse the mind.

No man or woman can keep his or her mind in contact with the New York *Advocate* for many years without becoming widely intelligent about the work of Methodism the world over, and understanding, as but comparatively few do, the great problems which confront the church.

The Northwestern is doing a great work for God and Methodism in the region so important in the country, and in the work of the church where it circulates.

Your committee earnestly wish that both the New York and *Northwestern Advocates* might have a greatly increased circulation in our conference.

We rejoice over the continued prosperity and success of our own *Michigan Advocate*. Concerning itself especially with the affairs of Methodism in our State we recognize that it is doing a great work for us. May the time soon come that it shall be found in every Michigan Methodist family.

The paper "*In All Lands*" is such a magazine as the church has long needed. It ought to be very widely circulated.

The use of our Sunday School Missionary papers will greatly assist in developing missionary sentiment, whose influence will be felt now and in the coming years.

Every Methodist family should take at least one of our Methodist newspapers.

Every Methodist minister should consider it among his most important pastoral duties to introduce our periodicals into as many homes as he may.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Puffer,
W. M. Colby,
D. A. Green.

MINKO D. PAPAGOFF.

Your Committee to whom was referred the case of Minko D. Papagoff, the young Bulgarian who has come some 5,000 miles to us for the purpose of getting an education that he may preach the gospel to his people on his return home, is well recommended by two missionaries as worthy of all the help we can give him. He wishes to go to school at Albion College. He has but very little means and no friends but us to look to for aid. We therefore recommend that a collection, and a liberal one, be taken in the Conference to start him on in this good work, and that the same be placed in the hands of the Chairman of this Committee for his benefit, and he is also requested to aid the young man in getting work and in other ways, as he may be able to do so. All of which is respectfully submitted,

Sept. 17, 1889.
W. H. BROCKWAY,
L. M. EDMONDS,
A. M. GOULD,
Committee.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The paper on the State of the Church, submitted to the Conference last year, was a document of great merit. Its collections of facts concerning the condition of our Conference was proof of much care and labor, and the wise recommendations made, we sincerely hope, were favorably received by all our people. We would repeat every appeal made to place the church in complete armor to do our part in the conflict to take the world for Christ.

The year now closed has been one of great revival power in most of our charges, and from the report of the Presiding Elders, we conclude that faithful work has been done to secure the fruits of this gracious visitation. Among the means of Methodism there is none more important to this end than the class-meeting. There is nothing in all our economy so well calculated to promote strength and spirituality of character. No modern device of social association will answer as a substitute for the Class of the Discipline. Bible readings, praise-service, reciting scripture passages, and mild dilution of homolitic entertainment may serve in the spiritual training of some, but the spiritual and strong in Methodism must have the class-meeting. It should be the constant aim of our pastors to restore this institution to its former power in the church. Our young people in weekly attendance on this means of grace, amid its holy influence of Christian experience and godly counsels would seldom be found running after the deadly things of worldly amusement. The converts to Christ should be urged, as soon as connected with the church, to look to the class-meeting as furnishing the largest opportunity of spiritual good the church can provide. Competent and well trained class-leaders must be appointed to this office. If the times demand well-equipped pastors, the demand is equally imperative that those who lead our classes should represent the best talent and piety of our societies. The reported success of class-meetings this year is most gratifying, and shows clearly that this way of teaching the classes has the divine favor. These meetings, while so honored of God in the conversion of souls, also, in a marked degree, preserve the simplicity and purity of our aggressive methods. They also contribute to extend and perpetuate the bond of fellowship throughout the Conference both among ministers and members.

The distinctive doctrines of Methodism were never more cherished by our people than now, and never was the church more ready to co-operate with the pastors in labors and sacrifices to advance the interests of our Zion. The number of those who rejoice in Christ as a perfect Savior is evidently on the increase every year, through the most of our societies. With this growth of spiritual power it is no surprise that there is a growing liberality also, and, from the information gained through the elders' report we infer an average benevolence in our membership alike honorable to their piety and intelligence.

While we rejoice over the soundness of doctrine and the spiritual life of our societies, we also take pleasure in the uniform loyalty to our polity. All our reformers, whenever they arise, come from the rank of the preachers. But for the rude and thoughtless touch of the preachers the ark of our wonderful polity would seldom be disturbed. No part of our system is more dear to our people than the itinerancy, and the tendency to grade the appointments and, correspondingly to grade the supply of the work, is viewed with much anxiety by the thoughtful of our laymen.

While the preachers take their fields of labor in the cheerfulness of our sacrifice, and in honor prefer one another, and while the church accepts the judgment of the power which determines the whole question of demand and supply, the success and glory of the system will continue.

Ambition for power and place in the pastors, and sympathetic response in the plans and measures of the church will lay the grandeur of Methodism in the dust. The growing practice of submitting for quarterly Conference deliberation the choice of a pastor is as fruitful of evil as it is inconsistent with the fundamental compromises of the itinerancy, and equally improper is the forestalling of Episcopal prerogative, in official and quarterly Conference action, asking for extention of term of service for Pastor or Presiding Elder. Any trend in the direction of a settled ministry should be viewed with alarm.

We have duly considered the communication of Rev. O. F. Nave, a Chaplain of the United States Army, relating to the moral and religious needs of that branch of the public service. We deem the communication very important and would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recognize the obligation of the Christian Church to all that is possible for the moral and religious welfare of the Regular Army of the United States.

Resolved, That we hereby appeal to Congress and the President of the United States to make such provision for the moral and religious wants of the army as its pressing needs demand.

Resolved, That Rev. W. H. Brockway be appointed to place these resolutions in the hands of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and co-operate with other bodies in promotion of these desirable objects.

We had, also, referred to our consideration the matter of Conference and District maps, as published by Dr. Repler of North Ohio Conference. After due consideration we resolved: First, that the plan of this method of a better knowledge of our worth is worthy of universal support. Second, that the whole matter of furnishing these maps with the Annual Minutes be referred to the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes

A. J. ELDRED, Chairman,
F. L. THOMPSON,
J. G. CROZIER,
C. L. BARNHART.

We also recommend the following as Committee on the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.: J. C. Floyd, L. E Lennox, S. Kitzmiller, S. L. Hamilton, G. W. Gosling, H. D. Jordan, L. Grosenbaugh, D Engle, W. J. Maybee, F. C. Lee.

BIBLE CAUSE.

As the Word of Life is so vitally connected with all we hold dear, both for time and eternity, great responsibility is attached to the use we make of it. In this age of intense activity we find that literature constitutes one of the main wheels to the car of progress. But what would literature be without the Divine Word? All of the corrupting elements of vice and crime are being crowded upon the market of the literary world.

The leaven of divine truth only can counteract this agency of death.

The translation of the Bible into every language, so that all nationalities can learn of the mighty works of a God in their own tongue, greatly intensifies our obligations to disseminate this Book. It should be placed in every home, either by sale or donation.

"The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple." The great and far-reaching work being done by the American Bible Society, in both the home and foreign field, commends this organization to a more careful consideration. Our people need information upon this subject; they are not sufficiently acquainted with the great opportunity for doing good vested in this society. Here is the lever with which to raise this dark, beclouded world into the sunlight of God's favor. The American Bible Society sustains the relation of fundamental to all other evangelizing agencies; it is recognized by the Missionary Society as a much needed auxiliary in providing the Holy Scriptures for the destitute millions.

This society has issued during the past year a million and a half of copies, and parts of copies, of the Scriptures.

A million copies have been distributed in our own country, a half million in the foreign field. The auxiliaries and colportures of this society are doing a very important work in finding and supplying the thousands of families and individuals without a copy of the Bible, as the following figures indicate, of work done during the past year: Families visited by the American Bible Society and its auxiliaries, 567,016; families found without the Scriptures, 66,951; families supplied, 46,253; individuals in addition supplied, 27,993.

The work of redistribution now going on is greatly crippled for lack of funds.

Therefore, in view of the greatness and importance of the work of this society, and the urgent demand for more money,

Resolved, That we give this auxiliary of the church our hearty support, and pledge ourselves to an effort for obtaining larger collections for this cause.

A. D. Newton,
George L. Haight,
Alex. T. Luther.

Sabbath Observance.

Hon. Albert Williams sent a memorial on Sabbath Desecration. By some accident the communication was overlooked and subsequently returned to the author by Bishop Ninde, with the request that Mr. Williams renew the presentation. The paper is so excellent, and written by one who for several successive years served as Attorney General of the State, your committee has decided to embody it in their report.

"The growing dispositions and practice in this country to desecrate the Sabbath—a day so sacred and important to the Christian world—by utilizing it as a holiday, is, indeed, truly startling! What the railway shop is to the rolling stock, so, in a certain sense, is the Sabbath to Christian civilization. As it is in the former that stock is repaired and fitted for the consummation of its purpose, so on that day, man is taught Christian civilization and all it means, and thus fitted for the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom on earth. Indeed, without the Sabbath, Christian civilization could not be; and without such civilization, the world would not be worth living in. Its exclusive observance, therefore, for rest, quiet and religious instruction, all having in view man's best good, is of superlative importance. Compromise with, or toleration of, any act or custom antagonistic to its holy character and purposes, should not be deemed possible. Hardly a Sabbath, however, during any late year, in any of our great cities, has escaped extreme desecration, more or less open, bold and peace-breaking by being more or less marked, in each instance, with braying bands of music, noisy excursions, hilarious processions, military encampments and parades, evil games and plays, powder explosions to make improvements, foaming beer gardens, drinking and drunkenness, and coarse immoralities and startling crimes, all violating and setting the best rules of Christian civilization, and the statutes enacted in their support, at contemptuous defiance, thus beclouding our Nation's future with truly dread prospects. What a woeful, backward change has been wrought in the respects mentioned, in this country, in the last thirty to fifty years! O, whither are we drifting, and what our destiny? Talk about intemperance *per se* as we do, and should, the fact nevertheless remains, that these objectionable practices and customs are the leading and accursed animating spirits—the wayward, active, shameless harlot handmaids—of drinking and drunkenness, and of their resultant crime, demoralization and poverty, begun on the Sabbath, and extending, in each case, more or less, into the week; and without which desecrations, so to express it, oceans of wretchedness, of all sorts, would not be.

Is this, in all or any of its features, a mere fancy picture? Are there no such practices and customs? Is there no cause for the apprehensions suggested? Are they but the wind that 'bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but cannot tell whence it cometh, or whither it goeth?' No! they are actual, bold, busy realities —aggressive customs and practices, rooted deeply in the body-politic— satanically undermining all good government and well-ordered society, and resolutely warring upon them with a malicious view to their complete overthrow. In fact they purposely force a deadly conflict, no less impudent than it is designed to be destructive, between government and license, order and disorder, morality and demoralization, the home and the saloon, religion and sin, and in a word, between Heaven and Hell, they laboring for the latter, in each instance. And if there be no more or worse of it, there certainly is not less; and he lacks discernment and judgment, who does not see and understand it.

It is time, then, that these demoralizing, ruinous and disgraceful customs and practices in this country should be arrested. In truth, they should not have been. Nor can both the pulpit and press, aided as they should be by every Christian, and every good citizen, fulfill their high obligations without crying aloud, and sparing not against them. And whenever and wherever any Christian body is convened, it being in harmony with the object of the assemblage, a strong expression of disapprobation of, and a determination to prevent, them calling them all by name, should not be omitted. These things continuing and growing as of late years, then in a little while there will be no Christian Sabbath, but instead a great, boisterous, overshadowing holiday, marked broad and deep, indeed, *all over*, with these sinful and criminal features. No! the great Christian seal of disapprobation and condemnation, as well as those of government and of society, cannot be too quickly and indelibly enstamped upon all of these obnoxious customs and practices, if we would preserve our Sabbath and its sanctity, as Christ gave it to us to keep. Let each one of us, then, so battle for it, and all it means, as at the proper time to receive from the Master the good approbation and reward, 'Well done thou good and faithful servant,' etc. Something adequate must be done, or Christian civilization must go out in darkness. Let it be done speedily. Let it be done effectually.

And if one as humble as myself may suggest, I would advise the holding of State conventions, to be made up of delegates representing churches of all denominations, backed by corresponding organizations, and applauded by all good persons in sympathy with them to devise ways and means to accomplish the purpose indicated. The evil is already a giant, and will not be easily mastered. Hence organized effort is indispensable. Let us have it and then 'to the work.'"

Ionia, Mich., November 26, 1887.

To these fitting words your committee would give most emphatic endorsement. When, for the purpose of gain and pleasure, so many openly desecrate the day whose observance stands so closely related to the sacred interests of church and home, all who love our Lord Jesus Christ should both hallow the day themselves and use all proper means to secure its observance by others; in this as in other things be our brother's keeper.

The pulpit should be pronounced in its utterances, faithfully teaching how to observe and how to hallow the day and faithfully direct the attention to the ways in which it is desecrated.

It is a painful fact that in some departments of business our Christian Sabbath is the best day and that these lines of business too often have the patronage of members of the church; the professed followers of Christ joining with his enemies to break down the Christian Sabbath.

No thoughtful person can hardly fail to see that to find pleasure or profit by what requires labor on the part of others on the Sabbath day is plain violation of the divine command.

It is a matter of profound regret that the government of which we are a part requires its employes to disobey the divine command "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and that members and ministers of the church sanction this infraction of God's law by calling for their mail on the Sabbath.

Sunday gate fees at our camp meeting is regarded by very many a plain infraction of the law of the Sabbath; that its continuance is a matter for careful consideration.

It is a matter of congratulation that an effort is now being made to induce Congress to enact a National Sunday Rest Law. This effort has been seconded by Cardinal Gibbons, representing the Catholic Church; by the Knights of Labor, by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and many other labor organizations, as well as by many Christian churches of all denominations.

It is hoped that the petitions presented to this Conference may be used to further this end.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. Barnes,
For the Committee.

Revival Band.

Another year's experience and observation of the work of the Michigan Revival Band, has demonstrated its fitness to help keep alive and strengthen the evangelistic spirit in the churches, and to secure the salvation of souls.

Reports from workers in the field show that not less than 1,600 persons have professed conversion, and 500 have claimed the blessing of perfect love under their labors during the year.

The Board of Managers has selected Rev. Isaiah Wilson as General Superintendent for the ensuing year, and he has accepted the position, and we respectfully request each Presiding Elder to exercise supervision of the work, as far as possible within the bounds of his own

District, or if not convenient to do so, appoint some qualified person to act as such District Superintendent.

Resolved, That we continue the endorsement cordially given to this movement at the last session of our Conference, and promise our brethren of the Band our earnest co-operation and prayers in the work of promoting revivals, to which they have been manifestly called by the great head of the church.

JAMES HAMILTON,
D. W. PARSONS,
W. COLBY,
J. W. RAWLINSON.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

While rejoicing in the grand work already achieved by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society in the past, we realize that much more remains to be done. The work of the past year is highly satisfactory in its results, and bears the impress of the Divine seal. The forty-three institutions of learning already planted in the South are doing a work for the church and nation, the value of which cannot be estimated; time alone will reveal the wisdom of the projectors of the Southern work. Having made the advance, and taken possession of the ground, we can not retire nor take any backward step. Forward! is the order. That we may hold the advantages already gained, and make an advance all along the line, your committee desire to call your attention to some provisions of the discipline, as well as some helps provided by the Society.

(Discipline, paragraph 403). "The work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, shall be the establishment and maintenance of institutions of learning in the Southern States, among Freedmen and others who have special claims upon the people of America for help in the work of Christian education. In presenting the claims of this cause, the preacher in charge shall state plainly that the educational work of this Society is among both colored and white people."

Paragraph 406. "The preacher in charge shall once a year, with the aid of the committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, present the claims of this work to the people, and ask subscriptions for support of same. The pastor shall preach, or cause to be preached, a sermon on the occasion."

' Each Presiding Elder shall, as early in the conference year as possible, inform each pastor in his District of the amount to be raised in his charge; and he shall also inquire at the Third Quarterly Conference if the amount asked for has been raised, and, if it has not, urge that it be raised before the close of the conference year."

We urge upon pastors and Presiding Elders the faithful observance of these provisions of the discipline.

The Society has published, and keeps for free distribution, a "Sunday Service," to be used on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Day. Also subscription cards, which can be had free on application.

The Christian Educator, a quarterly of forty pages, is free to all members of the "Grand Army of Christian Educators," and at 50 cents per year to all others. A map filled with information can be had on application.

With these helps, and the help of God, let us bring before our people the claims of this Society this year, and rally to the aid of our brethren in this hard field of labor.

J. F. ORWICK,
F. N. JANES,
S. L. HAMILTON,
A. T. FERGUSON,
WILLIAM DENMAN.

TEMPERANCE.

There is little use to say this is the great question before our country today.

Alcohol is in the ascendant; the people worship at its shrine; it overshadows all things material and offers its spirit to all flesh.

Its fruits permeate all forms of society. It is the deadly nightshade of social and domestic life. It breeds moral disease and political discord. It paralyzes the right arm of business enterprise. It baffles reform by neutralizing our best energies.

In its presence religion is made a travesty and virtue of more hideous mien than vice.

It is the Upas of civilization. It poses as an obstacle to all national and personal prosperity.

The problem it presents for solution, if solved, would furnish a fairly adequate reply to all enquirers concerning the origin and progress of evil.

The proper discussion of such a question would consume more time than can be given at our annual conference; yet its importance challenges our best thought and most considerate action.

Mr. Wesley, our great ecclesiastical founder, deemed it the sum of all villainies.* This judgment has never been modified and we have no disposition to change the statement.

* It was of African slavery that

The utterances of the church in its highest councils, as recorded in our book of discipline, declare that health, science, and human experiences agree with the Holy Scriptures in condemning all alcoholic beverages as being neither useful nor safe.

The business of manufacturing and vending such liquors is also against the principles of morality, political economy and the public welfare.

In hearty accord with these utterances of the church, and as loyal disciples of the great Master, whose mission to our world was "to destroy the works of the devil," we desire to put ourselves upon record as veterans who have already seen service, and report to the world that in some instances at least, "the devils have been subject to us," yet the reasons for congratulations over results already attained, are scarcely comparable with the argument for greater wisdom and activity in the work.

The combination of the forces of the enemy is so complete, and their purpose of resistance to all sumptuary laws so apparent, that we are conscious of a foe at once formidable and contemptible—as defiant as the Phillistines before Israel, and as thoroughly without principle as the guerillas of the south.

It has required generations to satisfy many people of their real purpose to carry on their iniquitous business without reference to sacrifice of home and all the interests dearest to our republic. But the eyes of our understanding have been opened, until we see at the very bottom of all crime in this country lies the liquor traffic.

The present inertia of commerce; the crowded storehouses in all parts of the country is not traceable to protection, but to the want of it, in the fact that much of the money necessary to send forth these goods has fallen into the tills of the vendors of alcohol and by them deposited in the bank vaults, henceforth as far beyond the reach of the drunkard and his family as though buried in the depths of the sea.

With at least $500,000,000 drawn from the pockets of the laboring man annually, we pauperize our country and bring want and despair into numberless lives every year.

If some plan could be devised by which these storehouses could be emptied and ill-gotten contents of our banks be fairly distributed, there would go forth a tide of life that would quicken the pulse of the entire nation.

The homes of the poor would be filled with plenty, and this would be called a delightsome land; all eyes would see it, and in a sense never true before "all nations would flow into it."

These blessings we may have in richest fruitage with the single proviso, that we pay the price of moral and legal prohibition.

Close up the saloons, put out the fires of the distillers, sever the cords that bind the liquor trusts and we shall have solved the problem, and prohibition will be as universal as the sunlight.

But this can never be realized while the friends of temperance are broken into fragments; we must agree in methods as well as in principles; we must fight a common foe, and one who can never be controlled by treaty. Alcoholism, if morally wrong, cannot be legally right; to license it, is to make it more dangerous from respectable environments. Hence, every good man should withdraw from all semblance of endorsement and combine against it.

To do less is to have our most sacred interests unprotected.

It is our sons who are wanted as a sacrifice to feed the maws of this monster. The peace of a million other homes are menaced by his presence.

Actual want, with untold moral agony, are the inheritance of the wife and children of the drunkard, and the pit is stirred from beneath to receive into the warmest embrace of his satanic majesty, those who have run their business in his interest.

The duty of this Conference can be better expressed in deeds than in preamble and resolutions; but that all men may understand our convictions and purpose, we present the following:

WHEREAS, The history of the temperance movement for at least a generation, and especially since the days of the Crusade, give evidence that alcoholism is thoroughly entrenched in our nation; and,

WHEREAS, The recent victories in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, indicate unlimited resources, and unqualified purpose to protect their business; and,

WHEREAS, They have been emboldened and encouraged by government recognition in the reception of revenue, for the privilege of manufacture, and license from the municipalities as well as from the State, protecting the business with certain limitations; therefore,

Resolved, 1. It is the duty of all lovers of sobriety and all who desire the utter annihilation of the drink traffic, to unite for the destruction of the greatest foe to our civilization.

Resolved, 2. That as ministers of the church of Christ, we recognize our responsibility as leaders in this work. and pledge ourselves to uncompromising effort to wipe out this vile blot from our national escutcheon.

Resolved, 3. That we call upon the laity in the churches, and upon all good citizens generally, to lead in securing such legal enactments as will give the greatest permancy to our national work.

Resolved, 4. That nothing less than national, legal prohibition, will be accepted as the ultimate of our purpose.

Signed,

W. J. ALDRICH,
M. M. CALLEN,
J. H. THOMAS,
WILLIAM JUDD.

MINUTE ACCOUNT.

Your committee to whom was referred bill of Ihling Brothers & Everard, of $10.00, on account of Minute publication, having examined the papers referred to, they are of opinion, that, in the correspondence of the former Secretary of the Conference—Rev. I. R. A. Wightman—whether so intended or not, the terms used by Bro. Wightman, have, on their face, the binding force of a contract; and that thereby, Ihling Brothers & Company dismissed other work and incurred expense in good faith and expectation of doing the work.

The fact is also apparent that the successor of Bro. Wightman—Rev. James W. Reid—for reasons not in possession of the committee, did not feel under obligation to indorse or carry out the stipulations of his predecessor for the printing and binding of the Minutes of 1888.

Your committee are of opinion that the account of Ihling Brothers & Everard is just and equitable and should be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PITEZEL,
G. C. DRAPER,
GEORGE S. HICKEY.

CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your Committee on District Conference Records beg leave to report that we have examined the records of Albion and Ionia districts, and that we find the same to be correct.

E. T. LUMBER,
J. C. FLOYD,
R. C. CRAWFORD.

PARSONAGES.

We find upon consultation of the Conference minutes of last year, that there were 265 pastoral charges in the Michigan Conference, and 196 parsonages, leaving sixty-nine charges without a house for the pastor, and *some* of these are among the best and most wealthy charges in the Conference. We also find that these 196 parsonages, together with lot, out-buildings and parsonage furniture, etc., are valued at $201,880, ranging all the way from fifty dollars to $4,000, each, being an average valuation of $1,030 for each parsonage property, including lot, barn, furniture, etc. Probably an average of about $850 or $900 for each house alone, exclusive of site, barn, furniture, etc.

WHEREAS, So many of our charges (and some who are so well able to provide them) are without parsonages; and

WHEREAS, So many of our parsonages are so far inferior to the church buildings, and the average of the homes of the better class of our preachers, and many of them are so small, shabby and dilapidated, and are so inconveniently located as to be a humiliation to our pastors and their families, and a standing reproach to our church; and

WHEREAS, Many of our parsonages have little or no suitable furniture ; and

WHEREAS, Some of our churches are worthy of all honor and commendation, because of their splendid and comfortable houses, and suitable furniture provided for their pastors ; and

WHEREAS, Some of our pastors and their families do neglect and abuse the parsonage properties, provided for their use and committed to their care ; and

WHEREAS, The discipline provides a "Committee on Parsonages and Furniture ;" therefore

Resolved, 1. That we most earnestly advise and recommend all of our charges that have no parsonages, and whose boundaries are settled wherever it is practicable to do so, to secure ample grounds, in desirable locations, convenient to the church, and to erect thereon parsonages, and other appliances that shall fully meet the proper demands of the place, and the wants of the pastor and his family up to the style of that people, and we further recommend that wherever our parsonages are inconveniently located, that a change of location be secured, and that wherever our parsonages are too small, unsightly or dilapidated, that they be speedily repaired, or enlarged, or renovated, as the case may be.

Resolved, 2. We recommend that our parsonages be supplied with suitable heavy furniture, such as stoves, tables, book-cases, chairs, and parlor and study carpets.

Resolved, 3. We recommend that the Committee on "Parsonages and Furniture," and the Trustees, should see to it that the parsonage, furniture, etc., be put in suitable condition for the occupation of the new pastor upon his arrival, and upon his removal from the same he be required to leave it in at least as good condition as he finds it, or that he be required to pay the cost of putting it in such condition, less the natural wear, with good usage.

Resolved, 4. That, as members of the Michigan Conference, we hereby pledge ourselves to do what we can for the carrying out of these recommendations.

Resolved, 5. That we hereby express our hearty commendation and appreciation of those charges that have received suitable provisions for our comfort and convenience in the matter of parsonage homes worthy of themselves and of the church of God.

Respectfully submitted,
A. A. KNAPPEN,
I. B. TALLMAN,
J. W. MILLER,
L. M. EDMONDS,

GREENVILLE, Mich., Sept. 13, 1889.

VISITORS TO ALBION COLLEGE.

Your Committee was unfortunate in the time fixed upon for their first visit to Albion, as it proved a holiday both for citizens and students, and as this was followed by "College field day," it gave your Committee but little opportunity to hear class recitations or examine the character of the work done by the students. Later visits, however, and frank conversations with both professors and pupils convinced your committee that Albion College is not only maintaining its high standard of scholarship, but is extending its curriculum and making substantial advancement in its methods of instruction. This is especially true of the department of biology and chemistry and only needs better buildings and increased facilities for this department to bring the college the prestige which such painstaking and enthusiastic labors deserve. What might be done in the other departments with suitable buildings and improved appliances is demonstrated by the work being done by the chair of astronomy and applied mathematics, where the buildings and apparatus are of a first-class character.

After visiting the college and having every opportunity for observation and investigation, your Committee is convinced that an abler or more enthusiastic corps of instructors as a whole cannot be found in any college in the land. If boys were only educated here, but little more could be desired. But when we remember that about one-half of the students are girls and in the formative period of their lives there is a demand, and one that cannot be much longer overlooked or neglected, for the presence and influence of a woman of commanding character and distinguished ability, who shall serve as a model and counsellor for our daughters as the honored President serves as a model and counsellor for our boys.

Since we believe in the co-education of the sexes let us correlate our forces and emphasize our faith by creating a Vice-Presidency in the government of the college, to be filled by some of the honorable and distinguished women of our church, whose gifts and graces reflect honor upon Methodism and the age in which we live; women whose labors in literature and efforts in behalf of humanity have given them a reputation not only national, but international, and whose praise is in all the churches. We need not mention names.

This proposition of your Committee but voices the deep, parental instinct of the fathers and mothers of the State, who demand for their daughters a womanly oversight and influence during their college career that shall be both inspiring and authorative. It is not rules and regulation for which we plead, but rather the regal character and lofty example of a woman who shall inspire respect and compel obedience. It is not simply the question of more women teachers (though that is a question worthy of consideration where so many young ladies are being educated), nor even of better women teachers, but the question of clothing some distinguished women with official authority, to whom our girls shall look up as counsellor and guide. Let Albion College face the twentieth century with a departure of this kind, and it will enter upon a career of prosperity such as it has never known before. We believe the womanhood of Michigan and Methodism would endow such a chair so promptly, cheerfully and liberally, as to eclipse all former efforts in securing endowments.

We heartily commend to the brethren of the Conference "Michigan Methodist College Day," originated by Mr. C. M. Ranger, of Battle Creek, an alumnus of the college and now one of the trustees. We believe there are vast possibilities for good in this plan and hope it will be observed on all our charges during the year. It will serve to advertise the college; call the attention of high school graduates to Albion, and inspire in all our youth a thirst for a higher education.

It is believed by those best informed upon the subject, that the engagement of Rev. Washington Gardner, who has been called from one of the most important pastoral charges of our church in this country to serve as lecturer, will result in the speedy improvement of the endowment funds, and in the erection of the greatly needed college buildings.

The hope and prayer of your Committee is that these sanguine expectations will be more than realized. Surely with these bright prospects for its future, it may be said of Albion College that graduation has turned the other way.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HAMILTON.

EDUCATION.

"That the Soul be without knowledge, it is not good." The "soul!" The seat, not alone of the understanding in man, but the will and affections as well. The Scriptural term "soul," employed in this connection, is exceedingly comprehensive. It includes in its scope every power of mind and heart that distinguishes man from the brute creation and enthrones him over all:—the intellectual, the perceptive and reflective faculties, and at the same time the affectional and volitional in his nature.

That which loves and hates, resolves and executes. The moral quality of which determines position in that scale of being running from demon to archangel.

That the intellect of man should be well informed and disciplined; the memory stored with useful knowledge—historic, philosophic, scientific and practical—and the reason trained to logical processes, all will agree.

Indeed, such education is generally felt to be, not only desirable, but next to indispensable, to the end success in the varied walks of life.

The common school systems and higher institutions of learning of our own and foreign lands, organized and maintained by and with the consent of the people generally, furnish abounding proof of this fact. But while there is marked agreement among men regarding the desirability and importance of intellectual culture, there is not such agreement on their part as to the value and necessity of culture of the heart—the moral and affectional nature.

Many leaders of thought are not only not in sympathy with such training of the religious nature, but oppose it as unnecessary, as a work of super-erogation, on the ground that education, mental, is, in itself, sufficient to elevate the race morally and to make mankind "abound in all goodness." Because detected and punished, crime is committed largely by the ignorant classes, these theorists assume that the diffusion of secular knowledge will, while it dispels ignorance, at the same time drive away vice, or at least reduce criminality among men to the lowest minimum.

An assumption readily shown to be misleading and false. Education of the mental powers in man, of every description—ethical, meta-physical, and aesthetical—has been repeatedly employed as a panacea for moral ills, only to be found worthless.

The fact stands forth on every page of human history that a pure intellectual education is a misdirected education; that it leads to ill proportioned attainments in knowledge, by developing the mental powers alone, while the moral and spiritual faculties and affections are left dwarfed in proportion. The heart is the seat of the driving powers in man. The intellect is mere machinery. The mind, as psychologists affirm, is "a mere servant, not self energy." If, therefore, the heart be wrong in its inclinations, then all will be wrong.

Strictly speaking, in a purely mind culture there is nothing intrinsically bad or good. It is quite distinct from moral culture. The intellect, by education, becomes disciplined, strengthened, as are the muscles of the body by proper exercise, sharpened as a tool by contact with a stone, quickened in movement as is a horse by frequent applications of the lash. It becomes an engine with power to move as one may elect. The direction it will take, whether up some sunlit summit, or down some darkened vale, depending entirely upon the motors of individual action—whether faith in and love for God and man be back of the human will, or their opposites, unbelief, selfishness, envy, lust.

Whether one be a benefactor to society or a scourge, an angel or a devil, depends on his moral code. As a man "thinketh in his heart so is he." Whether education be the head of a Medusa or the hand of a Midas; a stream of destruction and death, like the hot lava flow of a Vesuvius, or a stream of life and gladness, like some meadow brooklet, depends upon the character of the fountain head. The moral faculties of love, joy, faith, gratitude, back of the understanding, are motors. They are to man what a spring is to a watch, what steam is to the engine and connected train. If these faculties are in a healthy, vigorous condition, by reason of perfect care and training, it is well with the man; if not, it is ill with him.

All experience proves there is no power in mere knowledge to make man a blessing. That only gross forms of vice disappear with the diffusion of intelligence; that the heart of society is not purified, or evil rendered less prevalent thereby. Knowledge, if it works any transformation, simply refines vice, conceals its workings, and arms it with greater power and influence for evil. If it reduce in number petty criminals, it does so only to give place to shrewd, unprincipled tradesmen, speculators, defaulters, and political demagogues, who will prey on society in another, larger and more harmful way.

Experiments upon an extensive scale have demonstrated that crime, instead of diminishing, actually increases with the extension of education, unless that education be subordinated to the "thoughts, modes, attitude, atmosphere and aims of Christianity."

The moral evils that deluge this world, head not in the intellect, but in the bosom of man. "From within, out of the heart, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, thefts, murder," and such like.

To a proper training, therefore, and elevation of mankind it is obvious that this inner spring of volition must be reached, purified and exalted in its likes and purposes. No education at all is preferable to a heart-neglected education. Mental keenness should never be sought to the neglect of moral soundness.

Granting the positions we have taken to be correct, regarding the necessity for the moral well being of society, of an education that shall be addressed to the sensibilities and will, as well as to the perceptive and reflective faculties, it follows that the Church of Christ, set in this world to be light to the morally benighted and healing to the spiritually diseased, is under the most sacred and binding obligations to furnish such education, particularly in a land like ours, in which religion is excluded from the ordinary training of youth by law, and attention is directed mainly to the intellect, the heart being left largely to shift for itself. The task of supplying the deficiency in the training of our public schools, the Church of Christ should feel it committed to her hands. True, there are those, and not a few in number, who contend that education, in all its departments, is the proper and exclusive function of the State; that the Church should restrict herself to Christian teaching and religious discipline, and not exercise herself about the establishment and maintenance of great educational centers.

But such a view should not be cherished by any who have the moral well being of society and the State at heart.

It is not alone the mission of the church to turn men from sin, but to teach, discipline and culture them as well, both in mind and heart. The Hebrew parent, by the express command of God, was required, and therefore thoroughly trained his children in the principles of the Jewish religion as a part of their education. The early Christian church, and the Greek, Roman and Anglican communions of the present day were and are governed by a similar principle.

In like manner should we be, and we rejoice to add in like manner we are thus governed to-day. The church, impressed with the importance of Christian education and the obligations resting upon her to supply the demand in that direction, has for centuries been founding institutions of learning everywhere. Universities, colleges, and other schools that have been the chief and best educators of the people, in every age and land. Particularly has our beloved Methodism gone forth, impressed with the great necessity for a mental training for her youth that shall be distinctly Christian. Born and cradled in a Christian University, she has moved forth to crown the hill-tops and dot the vales and plains of all lands with similar institutions for the proper instruction of the masses, until in the short period of little more than a century, her schools of learning outnumber those of any other religious communion of the world. She has moved forth until she has planted firmly an educational institution of commanding and widening influence in our very midst, and other similar schools all about us. In all these institutions of learning, under the fostering care of the church, we as Methodists, particularly Methodist ministers, should feel the liveliest and kindliest interest. Especially should our interest be deep and abiding in the institutions nearest our homes. Our college at Albion will serve for illustration. This institution in a closer sense than the Methodist schools of other States and lands, should be regarded as our own, and should receive our cordial and constant support. With an able faculty, a course of study that will compare favorably with that of any university in the land, a large and increasing library, and other constantly improving facilities for instruction, there is no good reason why Albion college should not have at least a thousand students from our homes of Michigan.

It is with pleasure your committee has learned of the establishment of a Lectureship and also a "College Day"—to be observed on each charge annually in the interest of the college and general Christian education. And your committee would recommend hearty co-operation upon the part of the Conference, that the ends may be gained for which said Lectureship and College Day have been proposed. And would suggest that the observance of College Day be placed under the direction of the Epworth League of each society.

We would also mention our splendid Northwestern University, Garrett Biblical Institute, and Boston School of Theology, as especially deserving of our attention and patronage. And would recommend and urge attendance upon the same, in so far as possible, by those who anticipate entering, or have recently entered, our ministry.

This is an age of general intelligence and sharp controversy, and there is demand for men of broadest and profoundest culture in our pulpits.

As the Bishop intimated in his recent address, there is no room in any Methodist pulpit far an ignoramus.

In conclusion, your committee would make the following recommendations.

For members of the Board of Trustees of Albion College: Rev. J. Graham, and Willis W. Cooper, of St. Joseph. For members of the Board of Managers: Revs. A. P. Moors, and M. D. Carrol, F. N.

Wright, Greenville; Jacob C. Moore, Grand Rapids, and Wm. Van Loo, Big Rapids. For Visitors to Albion College, Revs. L. E. Lennox and J. G. Crozier.

For Trustee of Northwestern University: Rev. D. C Rhiel. For Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute: Rev. J. W. H. Carlisle; and Rev. A. D. Newton.

For Visitors to Boston University: Revs. Geo. S. Hickey and M. M. Callen.

For members of the council on the proposed Wesleyan Guild at Ann Arbor: A. A. Knappen, and Levi Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. A. HUNSBERGER,
Chairman.

MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions recommend appropriations as follows:

ALBION DISTRICT.

Haven Church	$ 70 00
Cooper Street	40 00
	$ 110 00

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Ashton	$ 100 00
Chase	50 00
Chippewa Lake	50 00
Crystal Valley	50 00
Dushville	60 00
Farwell	100 00
Freesoil	50 00
Ferry	50 00
Gladwin	50 00
Harrison	150 00
Hesperia	100 00
Holton	50 00
Howard City	50 00
Ludington—Fourth Ward	100 00
Marion	60 00
Meredith	60 00
Paris	100 00
Sanford	50 00
Sherman City	50 00
Stanwood	100 00
Summit	50 00
White Cloud	50 00
	$1,530 00

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COLDWATER DISTRICT.

Burlington	$ 100 00
Osseo	49 00
	$ 149 00

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Grand Haven	$ 150 00
North Muskegon	150 00
Ada	44 00
Newaygo	43 00
	$ 387 00

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Traverse City Circuit	$ 100 00
Norwood	60 00
Bear Lake	60 00
Benzonia	80 00
Frankfort	65 00
Cadillac Circuit	85 00
Manton	100 00
Lake City	80 00
Kalkaska	124 00
Mancelona	60 00
Alba	75 00
Elk Rapids	200 00
Bellaire	145 00
East Jordan	100 00
Cross Village	75 00
Harbor Springs	200 00
Spencer Creek	60 00
Stittsville	75 00
Mackinaw City	50 00
Ironton	40 00
Kingsley	40 00
District	268 00
	$2,142 00

IONIA DISTRICT.

Belding	$ 70 00
Saranac	80 00
	$ 150 00

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Richland		64 00
Gobleville		64 00
Kendall		50 00
Douglass		25 00
Fennville		25 00
Millgrove		24 00
		$ 252 00

LANSING DISTRICT.

Sickles and Ashley		63 00
Elm Hall		52 00
Fowler		40 00
Breckenridge		40 00
		$ 195 00

NILES DISTRICT.

Mottville and Union		$ 93 00
Vandalia		92 00
		$ 185 00
Total for White Work		5,100 00

INDIAN WORK.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Notaway and Bradley Indian Mission		$ 36 00

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Scottville and Indian Mission	$ 100 00	
Vandecar and Indian Mission	100 00	
District	76 00	
		$ 276 00

GRAND TRAVERSE.

Clarion Indian Mission	$ 81 00	
Northport Indian Mission	81 00	
Elk Rapids Indian Mission	50 00	
District	100 00	
		$ 312 00
Total Indian Work		624 00
Total White and Indian Work		5,734 00

Ira R. A. Wightman,
Secretary.

D. F. Barnes,
President.

I concur in the above appropriations.

Cyrus D. Foss

DEACONESSES.

The last General Conference was historic in relation to its action concerning women. It both missed and embraced an opportunity. The hour was golden for the admission of women to its counsels, and had it so done, the vision of the future would have been the reality of the present, and our beloved Methodism would have been in the vanguard of a great reform.

But as compensations are embraced within the laws of grace as well as of nature, it may have been unwittingly by way of compensation that the General Conference instituted the order of Deaconesses; it certainly was both opportune and providential.

That the order is scriptural, and existed both in Apostolic and post Apostolic times, is well nigh beyond controversy.

Chrysostom, the golden-mouthed, who lived in the 4th century, argues for the scripturalness of the order, and was in correspondence with Olympas concerning her work, a lady of wealth and rank in Constantinople, who was for years a Deaconess.

What a field it opens for her who was last at the cross and first at the sepulchre, and what a right hand of power it may become to pastors in their work.

This is apparent when we consider the duties of the Deaconesses, which are, as defined by the discipline, "to minister to the poor, visit the sick, pray with the dying, care for the orphan, seek the wandering, comfort the sorrowing, save the sinning, and relinquishing wholly all other pursuits devote themselves, in a general way, to such forms of Christian labor as may be suited to their abilities." Oh! blessed ministry. How great is the pitying, helpless want which calls it forth, and how blessedly adapted is woman, with touch of tenderness, and voice of sweetness, and heart of love, for such a work as this, and with the call of God sounding in her ears, to which she gives answer, "Here am I, send me." How fittingly that holy hands be placed upon her head in consecration to this divine ministry, and that such be recognized as fellow helpers in the gospel.

These things are bound up in this movement. It is big with possibilities. It means a personal offer of the gospel to greater multitudes of the outcast, the lowly, and the vicious. It is wonderfully Christlike, and should have our thought, our prayers, and our sympathy.

A single church in Constantinople had forty Deaconesses laboring in connection with its pastor, thus "great was the company of those who published the word." May we not hope the time will come when each of our churches will have at least one?

We are glad to note that in several cities "Deaconesses Homes" have been established, where they may receive suitable training, and have opportunities meantime for the blessed toil to which they give themselves.

We look to Grand Rapids as a city of sufficient size and importance to be the center of such a work, and we most respectfully call the attention of the clergy and laity of that city, and also the attention of the great hearted and great souled members of the church within our borders, to the fitness and urgent need of such a movement. And the Deaconesses we commend to God, while we pray for the increase of their number and efficiency, in the service of our Master.

S. L. Hamilton,
G. C. Draper,
T. H. Jacokes,
F. B. Bangs,
F. J. Freeman,
Committee.

Crozier's Plan.

Whereas, The methods of providing for the needs of our worn out preachers and their families are inadequate and defective; and

Whereas, It is deemed necessary that immediate action be taken looking toward the inauguration of a plan that will commend itself to the favorable consideration and liberal support of all our people; therefore,

Resolved, (1), That it is the sense of this Conference that an endowment fund of three hundred thousand dollars be created and invested, the annual proceeds of which shall be distributed among our Conference claimants.

Resolved further, That the following be the plan by which the above named fund shall be secured:

(1) Each member and probationer of the Conference, in active work, shall pay during the year a fee of $12 into the treasury of a Conference Claimants' Society, to be organized during the present session of Conference.

(2) That this Conference appoint a competent agent, whose duty it shall be to travel throughout the Conference, and, by public meetings and private solicitations, proceed to raise the required amount.

(3) All bequests, donations and legacies existing, or hereafter to exist, in the interests of Conference claimants, shall be considered a part of the original fund above named.

(4) To provide for the needs of the ensuing year, each preacher shall be required to provide for a certain amount of the interest on the

original fund, such amount to be apportioned to him by the Board of Presiding Elders, the amount to be furnished them by the Conference Claimants Society; and further, the proceeds of existing investments and bequests, etc., shall be applied toward the interest to be raised by the pastors, and shall be deducted from the amount to be raised by them before their apportionments are made.

(5) That this same method shall be continued from year to year until the endowment is complete.

(6) Provided further, that when the endowment is completed, that all claimants shall be required to pay an annual fee of two dollars into the treasury of the society, which shall become a part of the endowment fund; and only such as shall continue to pay this sum of two dollars shall be beneficiaries to the fund.

(7) Said society shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a Board of seven Trustees, four of whom shall be members of this Conference, and three of whom shall be laymen.

J. G. CROZIER,
M. D. CARREL,
W. A. FRYE,
JAMES HAMILTON,
C. L. BARNHART,
S. GROSENBAUGH,
G. C. DRAPER,
M. M. CALLEN,
A. M. GOULD,
JAMES W. REID,
W. F. THOMPSON,
Committee.

MISSION AUDITING.

The Mission Auditing Committee, having examined the receipts of the Presiding Elders, report that they have compared the same with the missionary appropriations, and find them all correct, except that on the Albion District the thirty dollars appropriated to Eden was paid to Cooper Street, Jackson.

P. J. MAVEETY,
O. E. WIGHTMAN,
G. W. HOWE,
Committee.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your Committee for the Woman's Home Missionary Society submit the following report:

We congratulate this youthful society for its hopeful outlook and progress.

The earnest efforts of these consecrated women are not without results. Much greatly needed help has come to our brethren on the poorer charges in our own Conference from this organization.

Their annual report shows a total in supplies and cash of $1,360.41 from 30 auxiliaries this year. If all our charges were thoroughly organized and had a good active Woman's Home Missionary Society, we might easily quadruple this year's amount.

In our own Conference, in all the districts, and especially in the two northern districts, there are destitute charges where the Woman's Home Missionary Society could do grand work.

In view of the great need in this Conference for more missionary help than we can possibly get from the parent board, your committee would urge the organization of a Woman's Home Missionary Society in every charge in this Conference, and that the Presiding Elders and pastors be requested to heartily co-operate in this work.

W. R. STINCHCOMB,
J. N. DAYTON,
E. V. ARMSTRONG.
Committee.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

One of the most marvelous phenomena of this marvelous day is found in the rapid and general organization of the young people of the churches for systematic religious work, and a more thorough religious training. No church has greater need of such organization, or can more thoroughly utilize it than our great and growing Methodist Episcopal Church. We hail with joy, therefore, the movement inaugurated, looking toward our great Young People's Society for Methodism. While many of us loved the Young People's Methodist Alliance, and many of our churches have profited from the work of this society, we most heartily transfer our loyalty to the Epworth League, as the accepted society for the church, and will do what we can to foster the spirit of unity which it seeks to conserve.

The church is not a literary circle, or a social guild. It was founded for the establishment of Christ's kingdom in the hearts of men. The Epworth League declares its purpose to be the "promotion of an earnest, intelligent, practical, loyal piety" in the young people of Methodism, "to aid them in constant growth in grace, and in the attainment of purity of heart."

But this noble purpose, and only legitimate purpose of a church society, can only be attained through the consecration and earnest co-operation of the pastors and christian young people, to this end; therefore,

Resolved, That we organize our local charges, and Presiding Elder's districts, as rapidly as possible, in line with this general church movement, and will keep in view in all our work, this central object, making our Epworth Leagues minister to the religious growth, and usefulness of our young people.

Resolved, That we continue among the Standing Committees of our Conference our Committee upon the Epworth League, and request that committee, in conjunction with the Committee on Entertainment, to arrange for an anniversary during the Conference session each year, with a suitable program.

Resolved, That in our sincere judgment the importance of this work demands a fully equipped branch headquarters in connection with a Western Book Concern, and a Secretary in the west to give undivided attention to this work.

Resolved, That in response to the request of the General Conference District League for the Eighth District, we recommend Rev. W. H. Carlisle to represent this Conference on the Board of Control for this Eighth General Conference District.

M. D. CARRELL,
J. W. H. CARLISLE,
A. F. HART,
P. J. MAVEETY.

REPORT OF WM. H. BROCKWAY, TREASURER OF MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Total amount received from Conference Treasurer..........	$ 311 20
Total amount paid out..................................	271 46
Balance in Treasury..................................$	39 74

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BROCKWAY,
Treasurer.

Greenville, September 11, 1889.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

The last Methodist Year Book reports that there are 2,016,181 scholars in the Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal church. The minutes of the session of our own conference of a year ago report 42,626 scholars in the Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal church within the bounds of the Michigan Conference. These are to us most significant figures, and we desire that their significance may be more fully appreciated by the church.

What are the considerations of importance suggested by these figures?

1. They suggest that in her Sunday schools the church has a standing opportunity for evangelistic work out of which she ought to bring thousands of souls to Christ every year. And while we rejoice in the increasing number of conversions in the Sunday schools year after year, still we desire to emphasize the thought that the grandest opportunity of the church for evangelistic work is in the Sunday schools of her care.

2. These figures show a vast agency in the employ of the church for evangelistic work. Many of the children of the Sunday schools come from irreligious homes. They learn our gospel songs, and the scriptural truths that we teach. They return to their homes to sing these songs, and speak of the truths they have learned. Sometimes they are converted and go back to these homes to live beautiful christian lives and thus, week after week, through this agency, we are reaching the homes of thousands of unconverted people with songs, and gospel, and living epistles of the truth.

3. In these figures we see the possible source of a very large percentage of the future membership of the church. If the church would go down through the decades and the centuries constantly increasing in her membership, let her look well to the children in her Sunday schools. No danger of the future growth and welfare of the church if these are well cared for. The children will take care of the church that takes care of them.

4. We see in these facts, also, something of the character of the coming membership of the church. The church of to-morrow is being trained in the Sunday school of to-day; and if the training of to-day is what it should be, the church of to-morrow will be a glorious church—"fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners!"

We rejoice in the helps provided by which the church is aided in making the most of the opportunity afforded in her Sunday schools, and while we would not institute any odious comparisons, yet we desire to say that, in our judgment, those provided by our own church are equal to any of their kind in general worth, and better than any others for the Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal church, because they are specifically prepared for these.

We commend the Sunday school's normal department of Bay View and other places, where a better preparation for Sunday School work may be obtained. We need as many well trained workmen in this work as we can possibly get.

We also commend the great work being done by the Sunday School Union of our church, and hope it may never be forgotten in the benevolent contributions of the same.

We desire also to commend the work of the Tract Society through whose agencies nearly 50,000 pages of tract reading matter are issued every day.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI MASTER,
J. W. BUELL,
E. H. KING,
J. W. H. CARLISLE,
I. WILSON.

STANDING COMMITTES.

Your committee appointed to revise the list of Standing Committees, would respectfully report the following as the list :

Stewards.
Periodicals and Tracts.
Publication of Minutes.
Book Concern Accounts.
Temperance.
Education.
Auditing Committee.
State of the Church.
Memorial Service.
Public Worship.
Conference Claimants.
Postoffices.
Women's Work in the Church.
Delegates to Fraternal Bodies.
Epworth League and Sunday Schools.
Conference Ministerial Register.
Conference Relations.

P. J. MAVEETY,
Chairman.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

From Albion District	$4,417 17	
From Coldwater District	4,398 93	
From Kalamazoo District	4,026 91	
From Niles District	2,554 55	
From Grand Rapids District	3,909 45	
From Ionia District	2,349 82	
From Lansing District	3,706 50	
From Big Rapids District	2,429 68	
From Grand Traverse District	1,181 57	
		$27,974 58
From Book Concern	$2,070 00	
From Methodist Publishing Co.	1,097 96	
From O. F. Pierce Bequest Fund	30 57	
From Chartered Fund	30 00	
From Parkhurst Fund	18 55	
		$ 3,247 08
Conference expense money from last year	$ 11 91	
Collection for Conference expenses	32 24	44 15
Total from all sources		$31,265 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

	CASH.	VOUCHER.	TOTALS.
For Missions	$12,630 24	$1,092 91	$13,723 15
Woman's Foreign Missions	24 00		24 00
Church Extension	1,867 24	20 00	1,887 24
Freedmen's Aid	1,749 85	52 00	1,801 85
Children's Day	803 58	400 16	1,203 74
Conference Educational	154 45	1 30	155 75
Tract Cause	257 63	11 00	268 63
Sunday School Union	364 69	10 00	374 69
Bible Cause	361 17	182 87	544 04
Bishop's Claim	1,594 99		1,594 99
Conference Claimants	9,363 83		9,363 83
Publication of Minutes	71 95		71 95

Woman's Home Missions	32 50	32 50	
General Conference Expenses	19 24	19 24	
Hospital	1 00	1 00	
Statistician	8 67	8 67	
L. De LaMarter	11 65	11 65	
Conference Treasurer	5 77	5 77	
Matthews Note	89 26	89 26	
Rev. James Hamilton	65 80	65 80	
Ihling Brothers and Everhard	10 00	10 00	
Secretaries	2 60	2 60	
On hand expense money	5 46	5 46	
Total			$31,265 81

For Missions in 1888	$12,496 90
For Missions in 1889	13,723 15
From Methodist Publishing Co. in 1888	914 28
From Methodist Publishing Co. in 1889	1,097 96
From Book Concern in 1888	624 06
From Book Concern in 1889	2,070 00
For Conference Claimants in 1888	7,443 87
For Conference Claimants in 1889	9,363 83
Total from all sources in 1888	26,376 68
Total from all sources in 1889	31,265 81
Increase	3,889 13

W. J. Hathaway, Treasurer.

STEWARDS.

Received of Conference Treasurer	$9,363 83
Balance from last year	2 77
Total	$9,366 60
Disbursed and distributed as follows :	
Postage and Printing	$ 4 17
Cash on hand (for postage and printing)	7 43
To Conference Claimants	9,325 00
Total	$9,336 60
Surplus	31 00
	$9,367.60

To claims severally :

Mrs. J. C. Ambrose, unknown	$ 175 00
Charles Austin,	20 00
Rev. F. B. Bangs, Eaton Rapids	165 00
Rev. A. C. Beach, Pierson	150 00
Mrs. W. M. Ball, Albion	140 00
Rev. I. Bennett, Quincy	45 00
Rev L. M. Bennett, Ann Arbor	45 00
Mrs. E. Beard, Albion	120 00
Mrs. Rosina Bignall, Smyrna	120 00
Mrs. V. G. Boynton, Mattawan	165 00
Mrs. J. Boynton, Stanton	85 00
Rev. N. L. Brockway, Agnew	165 00
Mrs. Laura Bronson, Irving	125 00
Mrs. David Burns, Albion	140 00
Rev. J. W. Cawthorne, Millbrook	130 00
Rev. Charles Chick, Whitehall	100 00
Mrs. E. C. Chambers, Manistee	150 00
Rev. Thomas Clark, Grand Rapids	175 00
Mrs. Eliza Cleghorn, Colorado Springs, Colorado	90 00
Mrs. T. J. Congdon, Los Gatos, Cal	90 00
Mrs. E. H. Dissette, Albion	175 00
Mrs. B. F. Doughty, Grand Rapids	65 00
Mrs. William Doust, Eaton Rapids	125 00
Rev. A. A. Dunton, Shackelford, Va	125 00
Rev. Grosvenor Daniels, Homer	170 00
Mrs. W. W. Elder, Indianapolis, Ind	160 00
Rev. G. C. Elliott, Dowagiac	130 00

	REPORTS
Mrs. N. Fassett, Eaton Rapids	130 00
Mrs. W. S. Foster, Coldwater	85 00
Mrs. J. P. Force, Keelervile	100 00
Rev. C. H. Fisher, Marcellus	135 00
Mrs. D. D. Gillett, Manchester	150 00
Mrs. G. L. Gilbert, Valparaiso, Ind	100 00
Rev. Francis Glass, Grand Rapids	175 00
Rev. L. J. Griffin, Albion	130 00
Mrs. A. T. Gray, Fowlerville	50 00
Mrs. J. Greenstead, Traverse City	125 00
Rev. D. S. Haviland, Lake View	160 00
Rev. J. S. Harder, Nashville	90 00
Rev. G. S. Hicks, Russell, Neb	100 00
Rev. J. W. Hallowell, Damon	100 00
Rev. John Hills, Ithaca	25 00
Rev. C. H. Howe, Julian, Dak	150 00
Rev. John Hoyt, Allen	130 00
Rev. G. W. Hoag, Albion	175 00
Mrs. G. B. Jocelyn, Albion	165 00
Mrs. Joseph Jennings, Grand Rapids	110 00
Mrs. W. F. Jenkins, Portland	50 00
Rev. J. B. Knott, Berlin	165 00
Rev. D. R. Latham, Garden City, Kan	140 00
Rev. E. Marble, Harbor Springs	135 00
Rev. H. Morgan, Grand Rapids	195 00
Mrs. Nathan Mount, Hubbardston	125 00
Rev. G. E. Matthews, Nashville	165 00
Mrs. Steven Nelson, Ithaca	130 00
Mrs. W. H. Perrine, Midberry, Dak	130 00
Mrs. G. A. Phillips, Ionia	175 00
Rev. J. H. Pitezel, Norwalk, Ohio	160 00
Rev. B. S. Pratt, Grand Ledge	80 00
Mrs. J. H. Richards, South Haven	85 00
Rev. W. W. Rork, Agnew	140 00
Rev. James Roberts, Fremont	175 00
Rev. I. H. Skinner, Long Pine, Neb	25 00
Mrs. M. I. Smith, Union City	160 00
Mrs. E. A. Staples, Albion	80 00
Rev. S. Steele, Northport	175 00
Mrs. I. Taylor, Dawson, Dak	110 00
Rev. C. T. VanAntwerp, Lake View	140 00
Mrs. A. J. Van Wyck, Otsego	110 00
Rev. A. Wakefield, Middleville	130 00

Mrs. Mary A. Wilson, Millbrook	95 00
Mrs. Mary Worthington, Dowagiac	80 00
Rev. S. C. Woodard. Ovid	175 00
Rev. E. D. Young, Colon	145 00
	$9,325 00
Paid per order of Conference, Rev. E. Cooley	31 00
Total	$9,356 00

A. M. Gould, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTIONS.

METHODIST REVIEW.

Resolved, 1. That we have heard with great pleasure, Dr. Mendenhall, editor of the *Methodist Review.*

2. That we shall be glad to welcome him again and often to our conference sessions.

3. That we heartily endorse him in the work he is doing, and in addition to our resolution, we will, as far as possible, subscribe for, and read the valuable publication of which he is editor.

D. F. Barnes,
A. A. Knappen.

The Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Conference assembled.

To the Rev. George W. Brown, a Superanuate of the Central Illinois Conference, Greeting:

Very Dear Brother—Whereas you were admitted on trial by this conference in the fall of 1838; and whereas, for sixteen successive years you served with fidelity and usefulness with us, as a missionary among the Indians, and in other hard pioneer fields; and whereas, up to the time of your recent disability, you exhibited the same unabated zeal and fidelity in sundry charges assigned you by the church, in Ohio, in the U. S. army as chaplain, in Illinois, bringing you down to the ripe age of seventy-four; and whereas, for more than five years you have been a great sufferer from paralysis, and in the loss of your children, and, quite recently, of your devoted and faithful wife; therefore,

Resolved, 1. We hereby tender you our sympathy in your great sorrow and loneliness.

2. We rejoice with you in that grace which has made you so signally triumphant in suffering.

3. Our prayer is that after you have patiently suffered the will of God, He will grant you a happy issue out of all your troubles, and an abundant entrance into the rest remaining for the people of God.

By order of the Conference, at Greenville, Mich., September 11, 1889.

J. H. Pitezell,
W. H. Brockway.

WESLEYAN GUILD.

Your committee recommend:

1. That the Conference favor the erection of a Methodist Hall at Ann Arbor, at an expense of not less than $35,000, and that they commend the same most heartily to the Methodists of Michigan.

2. That the Conference favor the endowment of lectureships on the Christian Evidences and Church History for the benefit of the Wesleyan Guild of the University of Michigan, and that the same is likewise most heartily commended to the Methodists of Michigan.

Resolved, That this Conference appoint, as Detroit Conference did, two of its members on the Executive Council of the Wesleyan Guild.

RAILROADS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the railroad companies of this State, which have extended the favor of reduced rates to the members of this Conference, and we record especially our obligation to Capt. W. A. Gavett, President, and George E. King, Secretary of the Central Traffic Association.

W. H. THOMPSON,
D. W. PARSONS,
W. I. COGSHALL.

BISHOP FOSS.

Resolved, That this Conference, by a rising vote, express its high appreciation of the able administration, and excellent words of our beloved Bishop, Cyrus D. Foss, during the sessions of this Conference, and that we will welcome his visits to this Conference in the future.

I. R. A. WIGHTMAN,
J. I. BUELL,
A. M. GOULD,
D. F. BARNES,
N. L. BRAY.

PUBLICATION.

Resolved, That we request the publication of the semi-centennial sermon preached by Rev. S. Steele before this Conference in the *Michigan Christian Advocate*.

J. H. PITEZEL,
W. H. BROCKWAY,
T. H. JACOKES.

CROZIER PLAN.

Resolved, That the Conference be requested to appoint a committee of five, to whom the plan submitted by J. G. Crozier, and the whole subject of creating an endowment fund for the worn out preachers of this Conference, shall be committed, with instructions to report at the next session of this annual Conference.

John Graham,
James W. Reid,
A. M. Gould,
J. G. Crozier,
J. C. Floyd,
James Hamilton,
William Denman,
M. M. Callen.

THANKS TO GREENVILLE.

Whereas, The members of this Conference have been most cheerfully and hospitably entertained by the good people of Greenville, be it unanimously

Resolved, That we tender our sincere gratitude to Brother Grosenburgh, the pastor of the M. E. Church, for his kindly interest, and to each and all of our hosts for their unsurpassed welcome and hospitality.

A. A. Knappen.

OUR PROMOTED BROTHERS.

Dan Barnes, died Sept. 8, 1840.
Shadrach Ruark, May 17, 1846.
apin Jonathan E. Champlin, Sept. 15, 1846.
Thomas Fox, Aug. 30, 1847.
Allen Staples, Oct. 21, 1847.
G. J. Shurtleff, Feb. 28, 1849.
Josiah Brakeman, July 19, 1849.
Octavius Mason, Oct. 5, 1850.
George King, Oct. 27, 1850.
John Erkanbrack, May 7, 1852.
Judson D. Collins, May 12, 1852.
Lee McQuigg, Oct. 15, 1853.
Nelson Barnum, Aug. 5, 1854.
Clark T. Hinman, Oct. 21, 1854.
Ransom Goodell, Aug. 8, 1855.
J. J. Whitmore, Aug. 12, 1855.
Seth B. Finch, March 6, 1857.
George Bignell, Dec. 31, 1858.
John K. Gillet, June 27, 1860.
Newland Cleveland, in army, Shiloh, May 7, 1862.
Samuel A. Osborn, May 14, 1862.
William C. Comfort, June 15, 1862.
Amos Benson, January 16, 1863.
Oscar F. Chase, October 17, 1863.
Washington I. Blowers, in army, Jan. 10, 1865.
Peter Greensky, April 8, 1866.
Hiram Law, September 9, 1866.
Joseph Jennings, May 23, 1867.
Elijah Crane, April 23, 1868.
A. L. Hoag, December 4, 1869.
David Thomas, January 11, 1870.
Wm. Hott, probationer, Sept. 26, 1870.
George Bradley, April 15, 1871.
M. B. Camburn, Oct. 17, 1871.
Wm. McKnight, March 28, 1872.
William Ford, October 21, 1872.
Jesse E. McAllister, Dec. 14, 1872.
Edgar Beard, March 4, 1873.
Rezin Sapp, May 5, 1873.
J. L. Child, September 10, 1873.
L. C. Austin, December 24, 1873.
G. L. Gilbert, September 2, 1874.
Wilson Gray, December 17, 1874.
Benjamin Sabin, February 17, 1875.
J. E. Bayliss, a probationer, Oct. 5, 1875.
Nathan Mount, February 8, 1876.
L. Chatfield, July 23, 1876.
George B. Jocelyn, January 27, 1877.
Henry Penfield, January 19, 1877.
James Hulin, May 9, 1877.
David Burns, July 28, 1877.
Joseph Jones, date not found, 1877.
Fred M. Deitz, Sept. 11, 1877.
Gilbert A. Phillips, Nov. 7, 1877.
Samuel S. Wilson, January 18, 1878.
Thomas Cleghorne, February 24, 1878.
Israel Cogshall, April 7, 1879.
Benjamin F. Doughty, June 8, 1879.
W. F. Jenkins, February 13, 1879.
Moss I. Smith, October 22, 1880.
William M. Ball, January 8, 1881.
Jas. W. Robinson, January 13, 1881.
William H. Perrine, January 22, 1881.
E. C. Chambers, March 11, 1881.
Henry Worthington, July 10, 1881.
Otis L. Gibson, Nov. 14, 1881.
D. D. Gillet, May 6, 1882.
A. T. Gray, May 17, 1882.
Alvin Billings, July 6, 1882.
William Bronson, February 22, 1883.
Joseph Greenstead, June 5, 1883.
Jeremy Boynton, September, 1883.
V. G. Boynton, October 12, 1883.
W. E. Newlon, July 11, 1884.
F. D. Hemenway, April 19, 1884.
Thomas J. Congdon, February 5, 1884.
Horace Hall, March 14, 1884.
W. W. Elder, May 11, 1884.
William Doust, May 20, 1885.
W. S. Foster, August 31, 1885.
A. L. Crittenden, October 21, 1885.
N. Fassett, November 7, 1885.
F. Gage, January 1, 1886.
A. J. Van Wyck, January 9, 1886.
S. Nelson, July 3, 1886.
Henry M. Joy, September 30, 1886.
Elijah H. Dissette, November 13, 1886.
Andrew M. Fitch, January 8, 1887.
James P. Force, May 26, 1887.
James T. Robe, January 31, 1888.
Isaac Taylor, Oct. 3, 1888.
Carmi C. Olds, Nov. 21, 1888.
John C. Ambrose, Dec. 15, 1888.
James H. Richards, Dec. 30, 1888.
Frank L. McCoy, February 13, 1889.
Wm. M. Coplin, Aug. 15, 1889.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. JAMES T. ROBE.

This country has never known a braver or more heroic class of men than the pioneer preachers of the same—the men who followed the trail of the immigrant, and listened for the sound of the woodman's axe, that they might preach to the early settlers the gospel of the Son of God. It were hardly possible to over-estimate the value of those lives in their influence on individual characters and communities, and on the civilization of the State. Their ranks, however, are being rapidly decimated. One by one they are passing away. Like the forest through which they used to push their way in their itinerant work, they are disappearing from the face of the land. May their names and memories never perish from the earth.

Among the ranks of those itinerants who came early into the State of Michigan, is the name of Rev. James T. Robe, who died at his home in Kalamazoo on the last day of January, 1887.

He was born in Woodbridge, N. J., April 12, 1807. His parents were pious Presbyterian people, whose religious lives, and tender solicitude for the religious welfare of their child, made a deep impression on his young heart.

When very young he was led to attend Methodist meetings, was deeply convicted in his first prayer meeting, and converted in his first class meeting. Under these auspices he was blessed and happy. Religion was his joy and delight, until the conviction seized him that he ought to preach. Resisting the conviction he fell back, but was soon revived, and led to look with more favor on a career in the ministry. He moved to Indiana in 1830, and engaged in surveying, and in the winter taught school. Here he was appointed a class leader, and at the first appointment made for a meeting of the class, a number of outsiders came in. This so embarrassed the young man that he requested the members not to give any publicity to the next meeting. This only excited the more interest, and when he came again to meet the class, found the whole neighborhood had come together, so that the house could not contain them all. He talked to the people so impressively and effectively, that the preacher in charge requested him to go to other points and hold similar meetings, giving him a license to exhort. Soon the Quarterly Conference voted him a license to preach, and recommended him for admission on trial in the Illinois Conference at the session held at Indianapolis, Indiana, in the fall of 1831. He was received and appointed as Junior Preacher on Centreville circuit. In the fall of 1833 he was appointed to Kalamazoo mission. Here he had the honor and distinction of preaching the first sermon ever preached in what is now the city of Kalamazoo. He was next appointed to Vincennes. Then to Kalamazoo mission again. Then to Marion, where he had a glorious revival. Then to Palo. Then to Brockville. Then to Fort Wayne. Here he located, thinking to carry out some missionary scheme in the west. The scheme failed, and in 1854 he moved to Michigan and joined the Michigan Conference. His appointments in this Conference were: Ganges, Buchanan, Summerville, Schoolcraft, Grand Rapids, west side. Here his health failed him, and he afterwards remained on the superannuated list.

He was married, December 26, 1837, to Miss Euphemia M. McLaughlin. One son and two daughters were born to them. The son, Theodore M., and one daughter, Mrs. Maria C. Hall, live in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The other daughter, Mrs. Marianthia J. Smith, lives in Indianapolis, Indiana.

When Bro. Robe was in his prime, he is said to been a man of fine presence, with superior mental gifts, and good culture. As a preacher he was energetic and spiritual, and extensive revivals characterized his ministry. And the best part of all is, he maintained his spirituality and devotion to the last. Although comparatively feeble for many years, yet he rarely failed to attend the services of the church. When unable to go anywhere else, he still insisted on going to the house of God. The writer has seen him come into the church, walk totteringly down the aisle, take his accustomed seat, lean forward on his staff for rest, so that literally, like Jacob of the olden time, he worshipped "leaning on the top of his staff."

About the last thing he did was to go to the closet on Saturday evening—which was also Christmas eve—get out his clothes, and hang them by the fire, so that they might be warm and dry, and ready to put on in the morning to go to church. But when the morning came, he was so sick that he said to his wife: "You may put my clothes back into the closet; I do not think I shall ever need them again." Nor did he. He lingered for a week. It was a week of awful suffering, but also of resignation and faith and triumph and hope. He died in peace.

His funeral services, in charge of the writer, were held in the First Church of Kalamazoo, with touching and appropriate addresses by Doctors D. F. Barnes, Moses Hill, and R. Pengelly. His remains were taken to Indianapolis, Indiana, for interment.

LEVI MASTER.

MRS. REV. J. T. ROBE.

Mrs. Euphemia Robe, wife of the late Rev. James T. Robe, died in Kalamazoo, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hall, on May 25, 1888. Her maiden name was McLaughlin. She was one of a family of seven—two boys and five girls—all of whom came to be active and influential members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. One of those sons entered the Methodist ministry, and four of those daughters came to be Methodist preachers' wives.

Miss Euphemia was married to Rev. J. T. Robe on the 26th of December, 1837, and for fifty years they walked side by side adown the ways of life in uninterrupted domestic harmony and bliss.

She was a woman of fine education, and had the characteristics and purposes which eminently fitted her to be the wife of a zealous, intrepid Methodist minister and missionary of fifty years ago. She gave up a pleasant home, well knowing what she would have to undergo as the helpmeet in the career of her husband whose life must for many years be without any permanent home. This she most cheerfully did and proved a most worthy companion of a worthy man in all his ministerial life.

For years her health had been quite feeble, so that when the sorrow and loneliness occasioned by the death of her husband came she was not able to bear it long, and died in little less than five months after his death She was a loving wife, a tender mother and a devoted Christian. Her last illness continued for about a week, during which she lay like a tired child in the arms of her heavenly Father, until at last she fell asleep.

Her funeral services were conducted by the writer on a beautiful afternoon in May, and the next day her remains were taken to Indianapolis, Indiana, and there by the side of the husband they buried the wife, so that they might sleep side by side till the morning of the resurrection shall dawn on the night of the grave.

LEVI MASTER.

MRS. R. C. WELCH.

Eliza E., wife of Rollin C. Welch, professor of Greek and Hebrew in Albion Colloge, died of consumption at their home in Albion, Mich., November 16, 1888, aged fifty-eight.

Mrs. Welch was the daughter of Rev. John Copeland, well-known in Western New York as an eloquent and efficient preacher, and as one of the founders of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and Genesee College. Eliza, active, versatile, and efficient, was always a leading spirit, extremely popular, yet never failing to exercise an influence on the side of right and truth. She was a first-rate student, graduating from the seminary as valedictorian of her class in 1852, the same year in which her future husband graduated from the college. She was called to a position in the seminary after a short apprenticeship in teaching elsewhere. In this place she won golden opinions as an efficient teacher and as a Christian. Closely connected with Rev. John Copeland in seminary and college matters was Mr. Hiram Welch, who settled in Lima in 1834. The families were on terms of great intimacy, so that the children grew up together, almost like those of one household. In 1855 this long intimacy culminated in the marriage of Rollin C. Welch, the son of Hiram Welch, to the subject of this memoir. For the two years succeeding their marriage, Professor Welch was in charge of academies at Aurora and Perry. He then joined the Genesee Conference and served for thirteen years in various charges in Western New York. Coming to Michigan in 1870, he continued in the itinerancy for five years, when he was called to the place which he now occupies. This event was very pleasing to Mrs. Welch, for it promised a renewal of those delightful relations with college young people which had been so sweet in her early life. Mrs. Welch was from earliest life a Christian. She probably could not remember any particular hour as the date of her conversion; yet, while religion was to her a matter of course, this fact bred nothing of indifference. Throughout her life, and in every relation, she manifested a piety most sincere, most self-forgetting, and most cheerful and sunny. As a pastor's wife she was active in all church work. In later life, however, her interest was greatest in foreign mission work. For several years she was the corresponding secretary of the local woman's foreign missionary society. But to Mrs. Welch the duties of paramount importance were in her own home. Unselfish almost to a fault; patient, and always considerate, she gave to her loved ones her whole life. Her health was always a source of solicitude to her friends; and, for the past two years she has been slipping gradually from the clasping hands that so longed to keep her here. In her illness she was a lesson to all who came near her. Never a complaint nor murmur of rebellion against God's will passed her lips. Always ready to echo the words of him who said: "I count it one of the greatest blessings of my life to have talked with her, and to have gained through the example of her cheerful resignation a new appreciation of the all-conquering power of a steadfast trust." A noble, consecrated life here assures for her a glorious, triumphant life above, where she will await the coming of her heart's treasures to make full her joy. PROF. F. M. TAYLOR.

MRS. EUNICE C. HOWE.

Mrs. Rev. C. H. Howe died at Julian, Clark county, Dakota, at three o'clock Saturday morning, March 23, 1889.

She had been sick for more than two and a half years, and for six months past a great sufferer, confined to her bed constantly. Her death, though not wholly unlooked for, was very sudden and unexpected, at the time we were hoping that with the return of warm weather she would improve. Friday morning, March 22, at half-past five, she was suddenly taken worse. She had slept quite well for her, but immediately on waking she said to her husband: "I feel very strangely. I believe I am dying." In a short time she was speechless, but was in great distress and suffered all through the day. About sundown she became easier, and gradually sank away till three o'clock next morning, when she breathed her last. It was a great sorrow that she was unable to communicate with her loved ones, and give her dying testimony and parting words, but she left the testimony of an earnest Christian life, and is now enjoying her reward in the Heavenly Kingdom. She was forty-eight years and six months old; was converted when about eighteen years old, under the labors of Rev. Henry Penfield, at Three Rivers, Michigan, and united with the M. E. Church; married September 24, 1860. In 1868 her husband joined the Michigan Conference, and was on the effective list fifteen years in Michigan, and one year a missionary in Dakota. Mrs. Howe leaves five children living—a married daughter, Mrs. Anna Reynolds, Byron Center, Michigan; one son, Frank, in Iowa Agricultural College; another, Charles W., living near the home of his parents; and two little girls, Jennie and Jessie, aged respectively ten and eight. Four children had gone on before, and were waiting to greet her on the other shore. In all the relations of wife, mother, friend, she was faithful and true, and greatly beloved. As a Christian, her faith was simple and child-like; her religion experimental and practical, very even in its flow, seldom very greatly excited, never unduly or seriously depressed. The temper of her mind was hopeful, cheerful, devout.

During all those weary months of fearful suffering she never complained; her patience was wonderful. At last she is at rest, and though their hearts are bleeding, yet they can say, "The will of the Lord be done." They look forward in joyful anticipation of a reunion by and by where there will be no separation.

My acquaintance in Bro. Howe's family was during a term of service on Grand Rapids District, from 1877 to 1881. Two or three things impressed me. First, the home was thoroughly Christian. Second, the wife and mother contributed fully her share in meeting the responsibilities. The large family and meager support made her life one of great self-denial, yet she never complained, and moved steadily onward with her work. My observations there, as well as in many other homes of our preachers, lead me to believe that the Methodist itinerant's wife, as much as any other woman, is a sharer of her husband's joys and sorrows.

Frequent removals keep her a comparative stranger to the great body of those to whom he ministers, making it difficult to have many very intimate friends outside of her own home. Hence the sunshine or shadow in his life, from daily contact with his flock, affects materially her life.

Some of our people, appreciating this fact, are careful to keep from him all unnecessary burdens, and then make liberal provision for his family. But this is, perhaps, not true in many charges. The burdens of the people are too often made prominent, and the allowance for the pastor's support is sufficiently meager to compel the wife to be matron in the kitchen, sitting room and parlor, and maid of all work in the nursery.

There was a time when the financial embarrassments of the average charge appeared to warrant this. But this day has largely passed away. The social and financial status of our people have greatly improved. With this advance there are incurred demands upon the pastor's family. None realize this more than the wife. But to be first in serving in the home, and first in all the social interests of the church, is morally impossible. So that the charge really manifests the most wisdom in providing for its own interests which makes liberal provision for those who are sent to labor among them in the Gospel.

Our deceased sister delighted in the work of the church, having special qualifications and marked success in the infant department of the Sunday School.

We tender our absent brother and his motherless children, in their far away Dakota home, our sincere Christian sympathy, and pray they may be comforted in their sorrow; and that the pure life now hid for a little time from them may prove a constant benediction and an inspiration to holy living. W. J. Aldrich.

MRS. MARY SIMMONS WOODARD.

Mrs. Mary Simmons Woodward, beloved wife of Rev. D. C. Woodard, of the Michigan Conference, was born of Methodist parentage, in Chesterfield, Macomb County, Mich., June 14, 1838, and died at Ovid, August 13, 1889, aged 51 years.

Sister Woodard was one "whose name is as ointment poured forth," and whose memory, like that of the just, is blessed. But few have the saintliness of character and truthfulness of spirit which she possessed, in union with such earnest, aggressive devotion, and zeal for God and every good work. She was married to her now so sorely bereaved husband, October 10, 1864. For 25 years she had been the wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher, heroically enduring the privations, and wisely adapting herself to the conditions of that most difficult vocation. To her success in that blessed calling, the sincere sorrow of the people on the various charges where she lived and labored, bears ample testimony. Sister Woodward was converted in early childhood, and when but 13 years of age joined the M. E. Church, of which she remained a devoted member until called to the fellowship of the church triumphant on high. On account of somewhat impaired health, Bro. Woodard last year took a supernumerary relation to the Conference, and removed to Ovid. Here, during the past spring and summer, they had been engaged in erecting a beautiful home. It was but just completed, and in it they anticipated spending the quiet eventide of what had been a laborious life. They were not yet fully settled in the new earthly home when the summons came to enter the eternal and better one in the Father's house above. How strange and unexplainable, here and now, are life's vicissitudes and experiences. We can only wait and trust Him who has promised that sometime and somewhere we shall not see through a glass darkly, but shall "know even as also we are known." As a neighbor, our sister was kind, considerate and sympathetic; greatly respected and beloved by all the people in the communities where she had lived. In the church of God she was a pillar, unswerving in devotion, undaunted in courage, unyielding in faith, and abundant in all good works; but over all this, and made beautiful and attractive thereby, was shed the warmth of a loving heart. In her daily life and demeanor she exemplified and adorned that most important but much misunderstood doctrine of the Christian religion—perfect love. She sought it definitely, experienced it clearly, witnessed to it prudently, and lived it in all humility. In the home she was a true wife and mother. She was thrifty, thoughtful, painstaking, loving. Twice had death entered that home, and each time he took away with him her only darling child. But with saintly resignation she endured the bitter pang of separation

Affliction yielded to her the peaceable fruits of righteousness; and now in heavenly recognition and reunion, she has forever the loved ones she lost awhile. She was indeed a helpmeet for her husband under all life's varying conditions, and none knew better than he how safely his heart trusted in her. Her path, like that of the just, was as a shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Her death was tranquil and triumphant, all that could be expected from such a life. Neither she or her friends were disappointed. Her funeral was largely attended from the Methodist Episcopal church of Ovid, under charge of her pastor, Rev. P. J. Maveety. A number of brethren in the ministry, both of our own and sister churches, were present. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A.P. Moors, of Ionia, Rev. W.H. Thompson, of Lansing, and her pastor, in the order named. Beautiful floral offerings expressed the love and hope of bereaved hearts. Our dear Bro. Woodard has the sympathy and prayers of his brethren of the Michigan Conference and God's people everywhere. He writes in a letter to a friend: "My poor heart is sad and almost broken, but I can and will trust my Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well." Thus has passed from life's labor to the reward of heaven, one of the purest spirits that was ever veiled in mortal form, "of whom the world was not worthy."

"Sister, now thy race is run;
Thy heavenly Father calls thee home;
There thou shalt shine fair as the sun,
In the presence of the uncreated One;
No morning cloud, no sable night,
But dwell in everlasting light."

A. P. MOORS.

J. C. AMBROSE.

John C. Ambrose, the subject of this brief sketch, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, September 1, 1848. He inherited that best of all legacies, a Godly ancestry. His father, grandfather and great grandfather, were each in turn, ministers of the United Brethren church. At the age of seven he removed with his father to Illinois, where they resided until he was about fourteen. Then came our country's call to patriotic hearts. Our brother heard that call, and responded by joining the 113th Ohio volunteers, and to the cause of freedom he gave three years of faithful service, acting well his part in some of the fiercest battles of the war. Returning to his home unharmed, he shortly afterwards entered college at Westfield, Ill., and after prosecuting his studies for a time in that school, he removed to Pleasant Hill, Illinois, where he was licensed as a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church.

He was not a local preacher in name alone, for his ministry was marked by a holy zeal for the salvation of souls, and efficiency in the work to which the Master had called him. Returning to Ohio, he soon found a wider field, for in 1872 he joined the Cincinnati Conference, where he labored successfully for eleven years in the following fields: Clarksville, Sardinia, Sinking Springs, Marshall, Lockington and Winchester. These were years of hard and taxing service, and at their expiration he was granted a location. But the fire burned in his bones, and unable to content himself in inactivity, he served as a supply in the North Indiana Conference for two years, and then came to Michigan, being received into the Michigan Conference at Lansing in 1884, and appointed to Mancelona, which charge he served acceptably for the full term of three years, when he was appointed to Cadillac, where he spent one year to the entire satisfaction of all. At the last session of our Conference he was appointed by Bishop Merrill, Missionary to Nevada. Two things led to this action. Bishop Bowman made an urgent request for such a man in that field, and the feeble health of his wife, who was a sufferer from asthma. He arrived at Winnemuca, Nevada, September 25, last, and entered the arduous labors of a Methodist itinerant in that far off field, performing his duties with such zeal, ability and tact as to win the universal respect and admiration of the people. Scarcely three months had passed when the end came. With several friends, he had gone on a hunting excursion to the Jackson Creek Mountain, some sixty miles distant. It was Saturday night. Tired and weary with the day's sport, he had just retired, when suddenly, like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, came the angel of death. Once or twice he breathed heavily, and before his companions had time to realize that danger was even near, "the spirit had taken its flight to God who gave it."

Brother Ambrose was a man of fine physique. He had excellent voice and a pleasing address, was an able expositor of scripture, and an advocate of truth. In social life he was genial and companionable; in his home he was a devoted husband and a faithful parent, keeping that retreat which forms the safety of the nation a center of pure affection. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn this irreparable loss. Strangers in a strange land, they need, and doubtless will receive, our prayers and sympathies. May he, who has promised to be "a father to the fatherless, and a husband to the widow," most abundantly fulfill to them his promises.

THOMAS NICHOLSON.

Rev. James H. Richards.

James H. Richards was born in Wayne county, Michigan, September 16, 1835. He was one of a family of nine brothers, four of whom, including himself, were ministers in the M. E. Church, of whom one, Rev. A. J. Richards, is an honored member of the Detroit Conference at this time. James H. was converted in childhood, and early united with the M. E. Church, of which he ever remained a member. He was licensed as a local preacher on the Flat Rock charge, Detroit Conference, under the Presiding Eldership of Rev. Manasseh Hickey. He received his education in the common schools, a seminary at Ypsilanti, and the State Normal. He was admitted on trial in the Michigan Conference in 1864. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Scott, and an elder by Bishop Clark. He was never strong physically. For years he was in very poor health, and at times was a great sufferer. Poor health compelled him to desist from labor which he would otherwise have gladly performed. His charges as pastor were Kalamo, Silver Creek, South Haven, Mill Brook, Kendall and Fennville. At one time his sight failed him. Recovering from this, and again in the midst of toil, he was attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs, and again disabled and made a sufferer for the rest of his life. He was married in 1861 to Miss Jennie McMillan. This devoted wife has shared with him faithfully the sorrows and joys of these years, and survives to mourn her loss. No children were born to them, but an adopted daughter who came to bless their home, shares the sorrow of their loss. He was a member of two literary societies during his years of residence at South Haven. These societies have both passed resolutions in regard to his desire to gain knowledge, his cheerful spirit and Christian bearing in their midst. As may be said of many of us, Bro. Richards was not a perfect man. He had his faults. He was outspoken, and not always in accord with his brothers. These matters he often conversed about with the writer. But he was a sick man and a sufferer, and, while mostly patient, the whole man was affected by his years of suffering. As he saw things, I believe he was always interested in the prosperity of the church. He often spoke of his sufferings, and expressed in his own unique way his desire to be released by permission to pass through the gateway of death. He was in conversation with his brother, Rev. A. J. Richards, the last they ever had. He loved his brother dearly, and no doubt would have rejoiced to have had him with him in the hours of his decline. He said, "I shall never send for you but once, and that for my burial." And so he did. For seven weeks he was confined to his bed. But few friends, or even relatives out of his own village, knew of the last illness until his spirit was released. Patiently he sank into rest in his home in South Haven, December 29, 1888. December 31 the writer, assisted by Revs. A. T. Ferguson, L. Master, L. Kitzmiller, R. Shier, and the pastors of sister churches of the place, performed the last sad rites, and laid in the cemetery all that was mortal of our brother.

D. F. Barnes.

Mrs. J. W. Robinson.

The subject of this memoir, Minerva, wife of Rev. J. W. Robinson, of blessed memory, died of consumption in Coldwater, Michigan, on the 22d day of September, 1888, after a lingering illness of many months.

She was born in Colchester, Vermont, December 4, 1827; married to Rev. J. W. Robinson of the Michigan Conference, at Breedsville, in this State, November 2, 1852, and up to the time of his death, January 13, 1881, she performed faithfully and well the part assigned, the wife of a pastor, and presiding elder in the Methodist Church. Brother Robinson held many of the most important charges within the bounds of the Conference, besides the presiding eldership for some years, meeting with large success in his various fields of labor; a success attributable in no small degree to this faithful wife, who in her every position, in the home, society and the church, was to him a godly helpmeet. Since his death her home has been at Coldwater, Michigan, among the people of one of the first pastorates of her married life.

She was converted in youth and united at once with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she was ever after a devoted and consistent member. She was actively interested in and identified with nearly every department of church work. In revival meeting she was especially helpful, being gifted both in prayer and testimony, and able out of a rich experience to counsel with and successfully guide penitent souls into the light.

Her consecration was complete, her faith in God and reliance upon His promises sublime, characterized at once by simplicity and strength. Her piety was of a very high order. It flourished constantly. She was more than a mere professor, she was also a professor of religion, "pure and undefiled before God." In the scriptures she was well versed. She delighted in "God's law," and on that law meditated with profit and pleasure, day and night.

During the closing weeks of her life, when unable to read the "word" herself, she seemed to derive great pleasure in hearing the Psalms read, particularly those of praise and thanksgiving. Though confined to her bed most of the time for weeks and months, deprived of the privileges of God's house, which she much prized, and distressed by pain of body, yet she murmured not. Her communion with God' through Christ, was so intimate and her faith in him so restful that she seemed able at all times to say with the Psalmist, in the language used as a text at a funeral (suggested by her spirit of resignation), "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." On the day following her death, Sabbath afternoon, September 23, her funeral sermon was preached by the writer. The next day by the loving hands of children—two sons and a daughter—and other sorrowing friends, her remains were taken to Grand Rapids, where they were met by Rev. J. W. Reid and a large circle of friends, with whom, and for whom, she had labored in other years, and were placed in Greenwood cemetery, Grand Rapids, beside the bodies of the husband and three children who had preceded her in death.

The grace divine that enabled our beloved sister to live so symmetrical and beautiful a christian life, gave joy and peace in the parting moments. When called to say to earth adieu.

> "Her mind was tranquil and serene,
> No terror in her looks were seen;
> Her Savior's smiles dispersed all gloom
> And smoothed her passage to the tomb."

W. A. HUNSBERGER.

REV. ISAAC TAYLOR.

At the request of our dear departed brother, Rev. Isaac Taylor, expressed to his family during his last sickness, I come to you, his dearly beloved brethren of the Michigan Conference, with this last token of respect to his memory, viz.—a memoir for the Conference minutes, prepared mostly from facts and documents furnished me by the members of his family.

Isaac Taylor was born July 30, 1823, in the town of Chattam, Lower Canada, and died October 3, 1888, at his late home in Dawson, Kidder county, Dakota. His parents had previously come to Canada from Vermont.

His father died when he was but two years old.

Of his father's religious life, he knew but little; but his mother was a member of the M. E. church from his earliest recollections. He remembered when a child of going two miles to a Methodist class meeting through a dense forest. Here, thus early, was laid the foundation of his sturdy religious life and character.

When he was twelve years old, his mother married Mr. John C. Cobb, who died in August of 1888, aged 93 years. Bro. Taylor last visited him just before moving to Dakota. His mother died in 1865.

In 1836, while it was mostly a wilderness, and soon after its admission into the Union, his parents removed to Michigan, settling in Dover, Lenawee county. His early school advantages were such as were afforded in the rude log school houses of the period.

At the age of eighteen he commenced teaching school in the township where he lived, teaching the same school for three winters.

He was converted in 1841, under the labors of Rev. Wm. Peck, a Baptist minister, near his home, and soon after united with the Methodist society organized in the school house in the neighborhood, that being the only preaching place.

About 1844, when about twenty-one years of age, he attended school for a while at Adrian college, paying his own way. He rented a small room, in the back part of a law office, paying the rent by doing the janitor's work about the premises; here he prepared his meals, studied and slept, all in the most economical way, in order to save money for the purchase of needed books.

In 1847 he attended school for a time, in the old "Albion Seminary," then conducted by Mr. Abram Hance, a thorough scholar, a good teacher, and best of all, a Christian gentleman.

About three years after his conversion, probably in 1844, while attending a prayer meeting at a private house (the home of a sister Grey) in Dover, Michigan, he says, "I heard a voice, speaking to me as plainly as I ever heard any human voice, saying: 'Go preach my gospel.'" He responded mentally, and at once: Why yes, Lord, I will go. This was immediately followed by an entire loss of all bodily strength, and some present were alarmed, thinking he was dead; when he came to, a brother present asked: "Bro. Taylor, where is the pain?" "Pain, brothers; Oh! there is no pain."

Afterwards he had a great struggle over this matter; when he considered his lack of literary culture, and knew that his father wished him to remain at home, proposing to give him a deed of the farm if he would do so, he was dismayed, but knowing that his call was from God, he determined to obey it, and to prepare himself for his life work as best he could.

He was licensed to exhort by the Adrian Quarterly Conference in 1846, and subsequently as a local preacher. He commenced his itinerant ministry as a supply on the Dundee circuit, with R. Dubois as a colleague, and L. Chatfield Presiding Elder.

In 1849, at the Conference held at Adrian, commencing September 5. Bishop Hamline presiding, he was admitted, on trial, into the Michigan Conference, where his name remained until transformed by the Master, to "The Church of the first born in glory."

His classmates were, John M. Arnold, Samuel Clements, James

Somerville, S. P. Lee, R. C. Crane, A. Wakefield, R. H. Goodale, E. D. Young, and S. Hendrickson. Only one of whom, Rev. E. D. Young, remains on the effective list; most of them have preceded him to the land of rest.

He was appointed that year to Hudson circuit, with S. Steele preacher in charge; his next appointment was South Hillsdale, where he met and married Miss Mary Kirby, who for thirty-seven years stood faithfully by his side, entering heartily into his plans and labors, and sharing with him all the joys and the sorrows incident and peculiar to the itinerant minister's lot, until his transfer to the church triumphant.

His subsequent appointments were Palmyra, Jonesville, White Pigeon, and Tecumseh, where his health failed, and he was entered on the superannuated list until 1859, when he was made supernumary, and supplied Girard circuit; 1860 he was appointed to Jonesville the second time. Here his health failed, and he was superannuated again in 1861. He was again made effective in 1863; his subsequent appointments were as follows: 1863-4, Marengo; 1865-6, Reading; 1867, Girard the second time; 1868-9, Parma; 1870-71, Bellevue; 1872, Homer; 1873, Lansing Central Church; 1874, Coldwater; Albion District, 1875-8-; 1879-80, Marengo; 1881, Kalamazoo; 1882-5, Niles District; 1886, Coloma. Here his health failed to that extent that he asked for and received a superannuated relation at the conference held at Bay View, in September, 1887, after thirty-seven years of effective service, in almost all classes of appointments in the Michigan Conference.

He soon after removed with his wife to Dawson, Dakota, where all of his children had previously gone, to make for themselves homes in that new country. He remained there among his children until his death, which occurred in the early dawn of October 3, 1888.

He represented the Michigan Conference at the General Conference held at Cincinnati in 1880, and again in Philadelphia in 1884.

Our brother always felt a deep interest in our schools at Albion. The first $10 bill he ever had, he gave to its support, and continued to contribute to its needs according to his ability, during his active ministry, and two of his four children graduated from Albion college.

He was a generous and a cheerful giver to every worthy object; his heart and pocket always responded generously to the necessities of his less fortunate brethren in the ministry.

Probably no man in the Michigan Conference was more deservedly or more universally beloved by his brethren in the Conference, and by the people whom he served as pastor and Presiding Elder, than Isaac Taylor.

I have yet to find the first person to speak disparagingly of him, either as a man or a minister. Modest almost to a fault, kind, tender, generous, patient, unsuspecting, candid, and pure and deeply pious, his name is a household word, and his memory is fragrant, over a large portion of the conference territory.

As a preacher he had few equals and fewer superiors in the Michigan Conference.

He was uniformly successful and popular in all the positions to which he was called of God and the church.

He was pre-eminently successful and happy in his social relations. Everybody was his friend, and his was a model Christian family, all of whom—his wife, a daughter and three sons—survive to reverence the memory of a husband and father, and who are exultant in the prospect of certainly meeting him in the "land where they die no more."

Such a life could not fail of a glorious termination.

His daughter says in a letter to the writer, written soon after his death: "Perhaps something in regard to father's life since coming here might be of interest to you.

"He seemed happy to be here with all his children again, yet many times his thoughts would revert to his life work, and he would long to be back again with his dear brethren in the ministry.

"He was a great help to our young Methodist pastor here in his revival meetings last winter, preaching and laboring in the meetings, as his health would permit. All the people here seemed to love and honor 'Father Taylor,' as they called him, and some of the brightest jewels in his 'crown of rejoicing' he won out here.

"His health quite broke down in the early part of April, and his physicians gave us no encouragement that he would ever regain his strength and health. His many sleepless nights were followed by great nervous prostration.

"Through the months of June and July he suffered very much, especially at night, when he sometimes prayed for death to come; but God did not take him then, but his health was partially restored.

"When his last illness came, the last of September, he told us death was near, and singing and shouting the praises of God, he drew near the close of life, and 'nearer the gates of heaven.' In the early dawn of October 3d he left us for the mansions of light. He died peacefully and without a struggle, so that those of the family who were with him at the time did not perceive just when his freed soul took its departure.

"Most faithful and loving to mother all their wedded life, kind and helpful to his children, 'how we miss him.' But we all expect, by the help of Jesus, to meet again in the mansions of our God."

The remains, in accordance with his expressed wishes, were brought back to Michigan for interment.

The funeral services were held at the residence of Willam Kirby, three miles east of Hillsdale, Michigan, on October 8, 1888, at the old home of Mary Kirby, who, thirty-seven years ago, became the wife of the young itinerant, Isaac Taylor.

Brief addresses were made by Revs. N. L. Bray and C. G. Draper, a scriptural lesson was read by Rev. John Hoyt, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Skinner; Rev. E. L. Kellogg read a brief memoir, when Revs. E. L. Kellogg, J. R. Skinner, J. Hoyt, L. E. Lennox, O. S. Paddock, and W. M. F. Smith, all of Coldwater District, Michigan Conference, bore the remains of our dear brother to the grave in the beautiful rural cemetery near by.

There is—

"Rest for the toiling hands,
Rest for the anxious brow,
Rest for the weary, waysore feet,
Rest from all labor now."

L. M. EDMONDS.

BELLEVUE, September, 1889.

FRANK LATIMER McCOY, PH.D.

Frank L. McCoy was born in Ireland in 1855, and came to America at an early age.

He spent the earlier years of his residence in this country, at Akron, Ohio, where he learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked in the employ of Hon. Lewis Miller.

At Akron, he was converted to God, under the ministry of Dr. W. W. Case, and at once felt it his duty to enter the ministry. In preparation for this work, he took two years in Mt. Union College, after which he came to Michigan, working as a supply, under Rev. H. P. Henderson, on the Big Rapids District. One year later he was married to the daughter of Bro. Henderson, and was admitted to Michigan Conference on trial.

As supply, he was pastor of Crystal Valley Circuit one year. After joining the Conference, he was stationed at Bedford—afterwards known as Johnstown and Baltimore—two years; Otsego, three years; South Albion, two years; Mason, two years. At this point, when he was expected by his people at Mason to return to them for the third year's service, he volunteered, in response to Dr.—now Bishop—Thoburn's call, and went to India to become editor of "*The India Witness*," published at Calcutta. To reach this conclusion required a conflict. But in this, as in all else, Bro. McCoy's conquest was on the line of duty. With his faithful wife by his side he left us for Calcutta.

In this new field he won all hearts as well as satisfied all demands. His versatile mind finding in the work of editor, teacher and Presiding Elder of Calcutta District, ample room for the use of all his faculties.

He had, while pastor at South Albion, completed his college course and graduated at Albion College, and later, while pastor at Mason, he took the post-graduate course at Syracuse University and was by that institution given the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Like many others in our mission field, Dr. McCoy overworked. This seemed to him and to his fellow-laborers, a necessity, and you who knew him so well need not be told that he was not the one to shirk.

His final illness was short. Neither his friends nor himself regarded his case as dangerous until a few hours before his departure. When satisfied that the end was near, he said, ''My Jesus, as Thou Wilt; that is my hymn.'' Later, when near the end, he cried out, ''Lift me up and I will show how a christian can die.'' One week before his death he wrote to this writer, ''I want to get this publishing house on its legs and then go home''—meaning America and Michigan. And he has gone *home*—gone to the only home an itinerant ever gets.

He has gone, early in the conflict, but not from a life of failure.

One must know God and comprehend eternity to be able to say that a young man who fell at life's first onset failed.

For all we know, he may be more useful out of the body than in the body.

In God's natural world there is no waste; all matter is indestructible; all energy is conserved. So, no doubt, is it in the spiritual world; the conservation of energy is as real here as there.

It is well! Well that he lived and labored; well that he struggled through college; well that he went to India; well that he has gone out of this world into a better; for what men call death is as powerless to dissipate spiritual force as the decay of the lily or the fall of the oak is to annihilate matter.

Our brother left Calcutta for glory, February 13, 1889, aged nearly 34 years.

"Brave, brilliant, battling spirit, rest at last;
  A conqueror crowned with welcome laurels, rest!
  Green grow the sod above thy pulseless breast
Unthrilled, how strange! by shrillest trumpet blast.

How strange to think that fiery heat is dead,
  'Mongst living millions erst the most alive,
  Instinct with all for which earth's noblest strive,
Vital and valiant soul by God's hand led.

Ah, we shall meet him in the vanward fight,
  Where clashing hosts hew out man's upward way,

Where evermore toward purer, brighter day
Rolls on earth's age long battle for the right.

He fought, did well his part, and in life's prime
Lays down the battered blade for crown and palm,
And enters, conqueror, now, that endless calm
Unshocked for aye by all the storms of time."

W. I. Coggeshall.

Rev. William M. Coplin.

Rev. William M. Coplin, pastor of the Haven Methodist Episcopal Church, Jackson, died suddenly of apoplexy, in that city, on Wednesday afternoon, August 21, 1889.

The funeral service was held in the forenoon of Saturday. At 10 o'clock the mournful procession moved slowly from the parsonage to the church, where on the previous Sabbath he preached what none would have thought to be his last sermon. In the presence of a large congregation of people more than filling the edifice, Rev. W. M. Colby arose and announced the hymn, "Hiding in Thee," which the choir rendered with a subdued and tender melody. Rev. James Hamilton followed with an impressive prayer, and Rev. J. H. Tanner and Rev. J. C. Floyd read appropriate Scripture lessons. Rev. G. W. Tuthill announced that grand hymn of holy triumph, "Sweeping Through the Gates." Rev. George S. Hickey then presented a brief memoir of his fallen co-worker, after which Revs. A. A. Knappen, F. B. Bangs and I. R. A. Wightman spoke tender and appreciative words, giving reminiscences of earlier years when their pleasant acquaintance began with the departed, testifying to his fidelity and success as a companion in the ministry, and paying high tributes of respect to his earnest, self-forgetful nature and many excellencies as a man of God.

The tearful eyes of both young and old present showed in what loving esteem the deceased pastor was held. The touching services were fittingly concluded with the hymn, "Servant of God, Well Done," after which six brethren of the official board of the church acted as pall-bearers, and the remains were conveyed to the cemetery and deposited in a vault, from which they will soon be transferred to Saginaw for interment.

Besides the ministers already named, there were present at the funeral, Revs. O. S. Paddock, Thomas Cox, E. O. Wightman, W. H. B. Urch, Jacob Clancy, J. V. Clancy, and several of the city pastors of other denominations.

Rev. William M. Coplin was the son of Melancthon and Christina Coplin, and was born April 5, 1828, in the town of Ira, N. Y. In 1848 he came to Michigan, and on February 1, of the following year, he was married to Sarah C. Fish, of LeRoy. At this place, in the fall of the same year, under the united labors of Rev. Octavius Mason and Manasseh Hickey, he was converted, and at once joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1856 he joined the Michigan Episcopal Conference, of which he has continued an active member until the present time.

To him and his devoted wife three children were given, one, an infant son, having died in 1859. The other two—Mrs. S. W. Turner, of Detroit, and Charles M. Coplin, of Saginaw—are left with their loving mother to mourn.

Bro. Coplin's Conference appointments have been as follows, in the order named: Marengo, as a supply; Charlotte, Duplain, Grand Ledge, Moscow, Union City, Eaton Rapids, Portland, Mason, Buchanan, Decatur, Lawton, Cassopolis, Buchanan again as supply, Holland, Spring Lake, Concord, Liberty, Litchfield, Parma and Haven Church, Jackson.

Our departed Bro. Coplin was a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed." He did not shrink from labor and responsibility. He ever worked up to the measure of his strength. Indeed, his zeal for God's cause often urged him beyond the limit where less self-sacrificing men would go. He literally wore out in the service of his Lord.

Had he lived a little longer, a monument to his memory more noble and enduring than any mere graveyard tombstone would have stood on the lot adjoining this chapel, where God's everlasting gospel would be preached and christian character built for eternity. In the money subscription which he has so well worked up for a new church edifice, he has laid the foundation, and let another at once build thereon. May his mantle fall upon some young prophet of Elijah's God, who shall take up the work which he began so heroically.

But God knew the tired brain and feet, and when success was in sight, God said, "Well done,—rest!

As our departed brother had often expressed a wish that he might "die in the harness," so he "ceased at once to work and live." Without a moment's warning he was stricken down while superintending the workmen building the platform on which he and God's ministers were to stand and proclaim the Word in the tent consecrated to evangelistic work. That God's work might go on, he was willing to be a "hewer of wood or drawer of water." In his deep humility of soul was majesty and strength. He sought not for comfortable fields merely. He felt that if men are to be saved, somebody must have anxiety and travail of soul, and be willing to labor and sacrifice and suffer, if need be.

Converted in early manhood, Bro. Coplin grew in the christian life, like the cedar for symmetry, and like the palm "planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season." With shrinking modesty he yielded to God's call to preach the gospel. He was a clear and forcible expounder of the unadulterated Word. His appeals to the unconverted to be reconciled to God were full of love and tender pathos. He united with his sterling christian manhood a sweet simplicity and gentleness of nature which one does not find every day, even in gospel ministers.

On his various charges, when stern duty called, he had a due measure of Paul's firmness, and not a little of Peter's earnestness. Like Stephen, he was a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost; and like Samuel, much given to prayer. He was not very demonstrative in his manner, but had that "meek and quiet spirit" which is said to be of great price.

Bro. Coplin had a kindly, good nature, such as only God's grace in its fullness of power can implant. He knew something of the sublimer heights and profounder depths to which the devout man and earnest searcher after God can attain even in this life. He carried a heavenly sunshine in his face. When one met him he always had a pleasant word, and those who knew him best admired him most.

At the sessions of the annual Conference he was brotherly, deferential, and genial without affectation. He was never ostentatious or self-opinionated. Like John among the disciples, he was amiable, confiding and sympathetic.

In the death of Rev. William M. Coplin, the Michigan Methodist Episcopal Conference has lost an honored member, the Haven Church a beloved pastor, and his stricken family an affectionate husband and loving father. But our loss is his infinite gain. He is now reaping the reward of the faithful in the everlasting home of the redeemed. Hand in hand with his ministerial brethren—Olds, Taylor, McCoy, who have passed over since our last Conference—he walks the delightful banks of the river of life. Like a plumed warrior, our ascended brother mounted his chariot at last, and as he went sweeping through the gates of the new Jerusalem, he could join in the triumphant shout, "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

GEORGE S. HICKEY.

CARMI CLARKE OLDS.

One year ago we memoralized the death of Sister Lima Ann Olds. We ventured the prediction that in a few days our Brother Olds, at that time a prisoner at home, would follow her. In the early morning of Wednesday, November 22, 1888, death opened the prison house, and Carmi Clarke Olds was released from earth. Born March 21, 1815, he had attained the ripe and mellow age of seventy-three years eight months and one day. His native place was Grandville, Washington county, New York. His parents were farmers, and both they and their ancestors were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He grew up as a son of toil, was early made familiar with sorrow, and trained to self-reliance, by the death of his mother when he was not yet ten years old. During his boyhood days his heart was stirred with religious longings. In his own language, recorded, he says: "Often was I so depressed on account of my sins and hatefulness that I could not sleep, and often wished that I had not been born or that I could have died in infancy, as two of my younger brothers did. When I attended their funerals I said in my heart, 'I wish my case was like theirs,' for with them I knew it was well." On the evening of September 5, 1830, at camp-meeting, while yet a lad of fifteen years, in the presence of his relatives, he was one of the first to go to the altar. He was then and there consciously converted. He immediately joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. Soon after this event the conviction came upon him that he must preach the Gospel. This impression abode with him; he carried it in his heart during the years of his student life.

His uniform domestic habits are traceable to his early home life. Carmi Olds remained at home until he was twenty years of age. He tilled the soil, attended the district school, and cultivated steadiness of application to whatever his hands found to do. At the age of twenty he became a student at the Genessee Weslyan Seminary, and graduated in due time in the classical course. He took high rank as a teacher, shortly becoming principal of schools at Penfield. While in this position he formed the acquaintance with one who for forty-seven years shed the radiance of wifely companionship over his entire subsequent life.

In 1839 Bro. Olds received his first license to exhort; six years later, in 1845, he was duty licensed as a local preacher. In 1846 or 1847 he came west, and accepted the position of President of the Rock River Seminary at Mount Morris, Illinois, and while occupying this position joined the Rock River Conference. On account of impaired health, in 1850, he resigned his place and moved to Michigan and was duly transferred to the Michigan Conference. Within the bounds of this Conference he lived, labored and died. His work was continuous, except as his peculiar gifts as a teacher put him in demand for that work at intervals, which appear in the outline of his active work. The record of his labors is as follows: 1850, South Albion; 1851, Saginaw; 1852, Congress at Detroit; 1853-62, Chair of Natural Sciences in Albion College; 1863-66, Principal of Lansing Academy; 1867-69, Presiding Elder of Lansing District; 1870 73, Presiding Elder of Niles District; 1874-76, Parma; 1877-78, Quincy; 1879-80, First Church, Lansing: 1881–83, Vermontville; 1884, superannuated; 1885-86, Grand Ledge; 1887, superannuated.

Carmi Olds was a substantial man; not so much a great as a strong man. Strength of purpose, studiousness of habit, dignity of manner, blended with geniality of spirit, were his chief personal traits. He moved with a quiet but persistent momentum to the accomplishment of his purposes. He succeeded not by the dash of enterprise, but by the quiet persistence in well directed plans. It was not so much the flash in brilliance as to shine with a steady beam. He was endowed with a large administrative faculty; interests committed to his care were safe. No enterprise—educational, district, or charge—was ever jeopardized when committed to his hands. Prompt at reaching conclusions, wise in counsel, mature in judgment, he was a pillar of strength in whatever place he occupied. Bro. Olds was a man of broad views and generous impulses. He studied questions comprehensively, up with the times, liberal in interpreting principles, he never was surprised into a defensive attitude. He anticipated the onslaughts of sciences, "falsely so-called," and so set forth truth in its scientific aspect as to make it invulnerable to attack. Those who witnessed his lucid defense of any fundamental truth were at once inspired with a strong confidence in its scientific and philosophic impregnability. He was given to original research; as a teacher he had an orginal theory; chemistry with him was mistress of the sciences—this theory he elaborated in the chair of the professor. Thus original and fearless, sympathizing with progressive ideas, and believing firmly in the essential harmony of fundamental truth, he stood for the defense of the essential doctrines of the church. In doctrinal integrity he was above suspicion.

His literary style was chaste, flowing, sometimes epigramic. He loved literature and was familiar with the classics, both ancient and modern. He sedulously cultivated the classic taste. As a correspondent he excelled. His extensive written correspondence with many friends gives evidence of his genuine literary spirit, as well as his deep social instincts. These effusions of his pen were epistles of brotherly sympathy or of fatherly counsel. These things, intelligent loyalty to the church which had been his religious home from his youth up, fearless of investigation, and a dignified, strong literary desire, combined to make Bro. Olds safe in research and attractive as an expounder of truth.

In the pulpit Bro. Olds was always interesting and instructive—interest never flagged. His style was literary. He did not have the gift of oratory, yet he was always eloquent. Marshaling the results of ample, fearless, and patient research into line, he massed them for the upholding of some grand truth. He never failed to effectually counteract error—he pursued it relentlessly into its subtle literary hiding places, exposed its failures, and destroyed its power. He had no sympathy with the "liberalism" of the present day, but with a natural sturdiness of style, and a logic that was invincible, he demolished the defenses of heterodoxy. His diction was chaste, his spirit tender, his argument conclusive, his conclusion persuasive. Each discourse was a literary gem that read well after delivery. The productions of his pen would bear editing and furnish models of careful and elaborate preparation.

In personal character Prof. Olds was fundamentally a Christian man. He was a converted man; he knew what it was to have a "change of heart." He had an experience and was able to analyze it; it was emotionally deep and to himself was entirely satisfactory; it admitted of no doubts and was uniform alike as a matter of intense consciousness and in its quiet and conservative manifestations. Self-poised, he was not demonstrative, yet the quiver of his large frame, the tear that trembled in his eye, and the confident tone of his testimony evidenced the depth and fulness of his inward joy. Genuine, sincere, constant, there was no excess of manifestation. There was simply a Christian man scrupulously conscientious, quiet to reserve, modest to reticence, but solid, earnest, clear-headed and pure; a man with an unblemished past, with a hopeful future; a man whose presence was an inspiration and whose counsels were a benediction. His relations with his brethren in the ministry were cordial and brotherly; he won the affections of the young men; he commanded the respect and confidence of all; his sincere loyalty to polity, his unobtrusive spirit and his uniform success won for him a prominent place among his brethren. As years multiplied upon him, and those associated with him in earlier years passed away, affection and confidence were replaced by veneration. Brother Olds and Prof. Olds came to be called Father Olds. His presence and spirit became patriarchal.

We saw him bowing over the form of her who for nearly half a century was his companion, and again we saw him discharged from active life, setting in his home, the brethren on their way to Conference, for the first time he himself unable to attend. He was, under all, the same patient, calm and trustful child of God; and, when later, amid the dense shadows of those closing months of his life, there came to him the conviction that the end was near, there was no anxious boding, no wavering fear—he looked calmly and comfortably forward and waited for the end.

Through these years of age and sorrow and bereavement it was his constant and pardonable boast that he had, to use his own words, "kept sweet." He cultivated sweetness as a distinguishing grace.

Such was, and so lived Carmi Clarke Olds Seventy-three years, eight months and one day he lived on the earth; for fifty-eight years, two months and seventeen days he bore the Christian name and lived a steady, sturdy and intelligent Christian life; for forty-six years and five months he had the helpful companionship of Lima Ann Olds, a woman of strong character; for forty-one years he was in public life as a preacher and teacher; for thirty-eight years he was a constant and honorable member of the Michigan Conference.

Four children were given to him, one of which, Ellen Elizabeth, died in 1852, aged, nine years. Schuyler Seager, Frank and Eloise, survive and mourn his death. His end was peace. He died as he had lived, calmly and philosophically he contemplated the approach of the end. His work was done; that conviction was in his mind constantly; he had no more work to do. He said to me one day, with tears, "I can think and write as well as ever I could, but my voice fails me," and immediately intimated that that was an indication of a general failure of his physical powers. Each passing day after that he was evidently failing.

From the hour of his retiring from active work he began steadily to decline. Then came the death of his wife, and that broke the chief strand that held him on earth. From that time he gradually drifted away—mind failed—fold upon fold of gauzy curtains seem to envelope his mental powers. He struggled, by mighty efforts of will power, back into lucid moments, recognized old and familiar voices and faces. In these transient intervals he loved to recount reminiscences of the past, but amid these gleams of memory and lucid hours there was the one uppermost purpose and desire to "keep sweet." It was the slow drift of the boat out into the deep, but it disappeared in a sunset of beauty and hope. It was the patient toiling of a pilgrim traveler down a winding path into a distant valley; the darkness deepened but he calmly trusted and cried, "when other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me." It was toward evening and the day was far spent, but Christ abode with him. A voice was heard "where I am, there shall ye be also." W. H. THOMPSON.

HARRIET SKINNER.

The subject of this memoir, together with her husband, was in attendance at the Mission Conference in Wyoming Territory, and there was taken sick and not able to be in the Conference room any of the time, expressing frequently a desire to return home. The journey was made, 150 miles, over mountains and valleys, he carrying her in his arms and lap the whole distance by private conveyance. After arriving home in Douglass she gradually sank away until death came to her relief, August 7, 1889.

Sister Skinner was born near Geneva Ohio, and came to Western Michigan about 1860, and was engaged in teaching, and soon married I. H. Skinner in Waverly, VanBuren county, Michigan. After Brother Skinner came from the war they joined the itinerant's' ranks of the Michigan Conference. After years of service his health failed in a great measure, and they moved to Nebraska, where they have engaged in church work as far as health would admit, but the last year they enjoyed much at Mission Station, in Douglass, where she has fallen by death. The writer has known her to be a faithful wife, a loving mother and a cherished friend to all. She was the mother of six children, two of whom preceded her to the better land. We are not informed when she was converted, but when we first knew her she was a Christian and active worker in the church, and when she passed away, the last words upon her lips were "God and Irving." Our Brother has our sympathy and prayers.

Jos. R. Skinner.

STATISTICS FOR ALBION DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1889

NAME OF CHARGE.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Ch's & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Albion	50	681	7	9	3	20	1	$45000	..	$.....	26268	....	12550	161	1	28	350	375	140	515	80	15	15	80	38	30	158	78	2021	200	114
Battle Creek	30	575	2	9	10	42	1	25000	1	2000	247	....	.....	1060	3	64	621	150	100	250	55	11	6	55	28	22	205	....	1795	130	121
Bellevue	16	250	..	3	2	6	2	4500	1	1400	50	....	.....	125	2	33	230	95	30	125	24	4	2	24	12	6	1	87	994	65	....
Concord	10	154	1	5	..	23	3	6000	1	1500	.....	....	225	120	2	23	100	60	....	60	15	3	2	15	4	5	....	....	897	30	9
Eden	4	39	1	..	..	8	..	......	..	......	.....	....	.....	....	2	19	95	5	15	20	3	1	1	2	4	1	1	....	272	6	....
Hanover	21	211	2	5	..	25	2	8000	1	1200	30	100	.....	200	2	27	275	39	15	54	10	1	1	10	7	2	41	....	976	30	10
Homer	14	218	..	2	3	16	1	13500	1	1500	.....	....	.....	250	1	30	192	15	70	85	10	3	1	8	9	3	43	....	1057	29	....
Jackson, Cooper St. Church	13	82	1	4	23	6	1	3000	..	......	200	50	.....	125	1	17	175	25	....	25	5	2	1	5	3	2	....	....	635	15	....
" First Church	34	540	2	7	3	14	1	65000	..	......	.....	....	.....	1500	1	52	800	154	196	350	25	4	2	25	12	5	155	76	1995	170	100
" Haven Church	13	129	..	1	..	....	1	1500	..	......	.....	39	1469	152	1	28	200	16	15	31	5	2	2	4	4	3	40	....	698	18	....
Leroy	....	89	..	..	..	....	2	4600	1	500	230	60	60	50	3	31	153	50	10	60	10	1	1	10	5	2	24	22	806	30	....
Leslie	21	152	1	1	5	4	1	2000	..	......	500	....	.....	125	2	20	140	24	31	55	5	2	1	5	4	1	61	4	763	25	5
Liberty	20	132	1	2	..	9	2	3000	1	500	12	....	.....	100	4	24	200	45	15	60	5	1	1	5	6	3	44	....	704	20	....
Litchfield	38	182	1	2	1	56	2	4600	1	1600	650	....	.....	125	2	29	245	35	3	38	3	1	1	2	1	1	40	....	792	18	....
Marengo	25	151	..	1	5	17	1	2500	1	300	30	....	.....	20	3	27	168	15	3	18	5	3	1	5	3	2	30	....	640	17	....
Marshall	5	156	2	1	..	2	1	12000	1	1000	108	....	.....	225	1	24	150	25	10	35	2	1	1	3	10	1	21	....	1056	25	....
Mosherville	12	146	3	3	3	10	2	3300	1	750	220	....	.....	115	6	60	300	25	5	30	3	1	1	5	4	...	1	1	702	20	40
Olivet and Partello	4	100	1	..	..	1	2	6500	2	1400	900	....	12	60	2	17	83	27	....	27	2	1	1	3	1	...	....	....	732	15	....
Parma	13	177	..	..	..	2	2	9500	1	1800	100	....	.....	150	2	32	207	40	45	85	20	3	2	20	14	5	30	....	877	45	....
Penfield	31	178	..	1	..	....	1	1500	..	......	.....	....	.....	70	5	49	300	30	50	80	15	4	2	15	10	4	42	....	692	40	....
Springport	1	60	1	1	..	....	1	1500	1	1000	56	6	.....	50	3	28	101	19	3	22	4	1	1	3	3	1	....	....	636	13	....
Tekonsha	8	136	1	2	..	3	2	6500	1	1200	215	....	.....	100	3	23	183	24	1	25	1	1	1	1	3	1	32	....	854	18	....
Tompkins	13	99	..	4	..	8	2	2500	1	1000	.....	....	.....	50	2	24	160	30	10	40	5	..	1	2	8	1	75	....	615	20	....
TOTAL	396	4637	27	63	58	272	34	231500	17	19150	29816	255	14316	4938	54	709	5428	1323	767	2090	312	48	66	307	193	101	1041	263	21209	999	399

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NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Albion	J. C. Floyd	1800	1800	....	165	165	56	56	170	200
Battle Creek	Jas. Hamilton	1600	1600	....	150	150	45	45	130	130
Bellevue	L. M. Edmonds	900	900	....	76	76	20	18	65	65
Concord	Thos. Cox	825	825	....	62	62	10	10	30	30
Eden	I. E. Robinson	300	250	50	20	20	2	2	5	6
Hanover	O. E. Wightman	900	900	....	64	64	15	12	45	30
Homer	O. E. Mather	984	984	....	68	68	20	5	....	29
Jackson, Cooper Street Church	W. H. B. Urch	600	600	....	30	30	5	5	15	15
Jackson, First Church	G. S. Hickey	1800	1800	....	150	150	45	45	170	170
Jackson, Haven Church	W. M. Coplin	700	650	50	42	42	11	6	25	18
Leroy	A. N. Eldred	660	756	....	44	44	8	6	30	30
Leslie	J. Webster	700	700	....	52	52	11	11	25	25
Liberty	L. B. Kenyon	650	650	....	50	50	11	4	30	20
Litchfield	O. S. Paddock	750	750	....	39	39	8	3	20	18
Marengo	Elias Cooley	639	586	53	50	50	8	4	30	17
Marshall	J. H. Tanner	1000	1000	....	54	54	....	2	....	25
Mosherville	M. W. T. Smith	750	650	100	46	46	12	6	25	20
Olivet and Partello	J. W. White	700	700	....	30	30	....	2	....	15
Parma	W. P. Mosher	800	800	....	62	62	15	15	45	45
Penfield	M. F. Loomis	650	630	20	56	56	6	6	50	40
Springport	J. Clubine	600	600	....	32	32	5	4	15	13
Tekonsha	G. W. Tuthill	800	800	....	52	52	....	2	....	18
Tompkins	W. Taylor	600	569	31	41	41	8	5	25	20
TOTAL		19904	19500	304	1435	1435	211	274	950	999

STATISTICS FOR BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Ch's & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses—Sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Ashton	24	48	..	1	7	16	1	1600	..	.....	10	....	.....	50	3	22	115	5	....	5	1	1	1	1	....	..	....	....	378	3	18
Big Rapids	50	290	1	3	3	2	2	6000	1	2500	1000	....	1500	250	3	57	427	60	51	111	15	2	2	10	11	3	125	75	1442	40	50
Beetman	4	3	..	..	...	...	1	......	..	.....	.....	....	.....	....	3	27	100	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	163	....	.....
Calkinsville and Isabella Indian Mission	....	90	..	3	10	8	2	3000	1	600	935	....	.....	75	2	16	112	17	....	17	4	1	1	4	2	1	....	....	553	8	30
Chase	7	55	..	1	..	2	2	2000	..	.....	.....	....	600	60	2	20	100	5	5	10	2	..	..	1	1	..	....	....	330	2	.....
Chippewa Lake	22	56	1	1	..	7	1	400	1	350	465	105	.....	20	2	18	75	20	....	20	2	1	..	2	....	..	....	....	433	5	60
Clare	5	141	1	3	6	4	1	2000	1	1000	38	354	143	70	2	34	164	7	....	7	....	..	..	....	....	..	20	....	585	4	50
Coleman	5	69	..	3	6	7	2	2700	1	1000	502	....	300	40	4	28	120	11	....	11	1	1	1	1	3	..	....	....	567	8	.....
Crystal Valley	4	65	2	1	...	...	2	3500	1	400	760	...	628	30	2	21	130	6	....	6	....	..	..	....	1	..	....	....	422	9	.....
Dushville	5	41	..	..	...	4	2	1800	..	.....	1200	....	.....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	38	....	.....
Evart	36	175	1	4	4	21	2	5000	1	1000	178	239	510	140	2	29	179	58	28	86	15	3	2	15	5	5	50	25	1069	44	40
Farwell	18	142	1	18	19	24	2	3500	1	700	151	35	300	100	3	40	200	5	6	11	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	436	7	.....
Ferry	....	10	..	..	...	...	..	......	1	300	75	....	225	....	1	5	20	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	130	....	.....
Free Soil	23	22	..	..	...	14	1	2000	..	.....	350	240	250	60	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	207	....	.....
Fremont	28	60	..	..	...	28	1	1500	1	300	.....	....	.....	75	1	10	75	25	....	25	6	1	1	6	2	2	....	....	540	13	.....
Gladwin	23	62	..	..	3	12	1	1500	..	.....	114	497	422	55	5	36	300	1	15	16	....	1	1	1	5	1	....	....	446	8	.....
Harrison	....	40	..	..	5	2	1	2200	1	750	.....	512	115	55	1	10	107	7	13	20	1	..	..	1	....	..	....	....	537	10	.....
Hart	....	96	..	4	...	1	2	2800	1	1200	500	....	.....	75	2	12	227	20	....	20	1	1	..	1	....	1	....	....	703	5	.....
Hersey	26	45	1	..	13	14	1	500	..	.....	.....	....	.....	25	4	33	159	2	14	16	2	..	..	2	2	1	....	....	488	8	.....
Hesperia	14	78	1	..	...	16	1	1000	1	500	.....	140	.....	50	2	23	125	20	5	25	6	1	..	6	2	..	1	....	436	13	.....
Holton	11	47	..	..	1	3	2	2000	1	300	117	....	200	....	2	18	100	4	....	4	1	..	..	....	....	..	....	2	266	2	1
Howard City	1	95	1	1	...	...	1	2300	..	.....	175	....	.....	75	2	25	165	24	6	30	3	1	1	1	....	1	....	....	651	20	.....
Luther	50	83	..	..	19	28	1	2400	1	700	230	12	102	128	1	18	480	16	19	35	5	1	1	5	2	1	57	1	646	23	100
Ludington—First Church	25	180	1	2	15	23	1	3500	1	1800	65	250	400	150	1	17	185	35	27	62	6	1	1	6	8	3	42	....	1162	42	.....
" Fourth Ward and Buttersville	1	35	..	..	13	..	2	2600	1	500	.....	110	500	20	2	16	135	15	5	20	2	1	1	2	2	1	....	....	585	10	.....

Manistee	44	176	2	3	...	11	1	12000	1	2000	15	....	.....	316	1	24	275	....	110	110	20	4	3	20	11	5	51	....	1487	45	50
Marion	3	22	1	..	6	...	1	700	..	.....	700	....	.....	....	1	7	24	1	....	1	1	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	212	1	.....
Millbrook	16	67	1	1	...	2	3	3500	2	250	95	366	371	....	3	32	156	7	7	14	3	1	1	2	2	..	....	....	578	7	.....
Montague	6	155	2	2	2	2	2	5500	1	1000	.....	48	600	135	2	26	227	35	30	65	15	3	1	15	8	4	68	....	805	34	.....
Morley	8	95	2	1	6	...	1	2500	1	550	.....	12	300	55	3	23	160	12	3	15	2	1	1	2	2	1	....	....	583	11	.....
Mt. Pleasant	15	181	..	3	1	10	1	20000	1	4200	2400	....	2800	300	1	20	175	30	10	40	5	1	1	5	2	3	20	30	1333	23	.....
Paris	2	31	1	2	...	...	2	1500	..	.....	75	....	.....	....	2	22	98	12	....	12	....	3	..	....	....	..	....	....	151	3	.....
Pentwater	16	56	..	..	...	...	1	6000	..	.....	20	....	.....	100	1	18	80	13	17	30	6	1	1	8	2	2	16	....	505	15	.....
Pierson	15	117	..	3	4	14	3	5000	1	280	215	....	.....	....	3	25	220	13	3	16	2	1	1	2	2	1	10	....	610	12	.....
Reed City	11	127	2	1	7	4	1	5000	1	1000	500	700	200	125	1	13	150	19	9	28	5	1	1	5	1	1	....	....	853	30	.....
Sanford	30	50	..	..	...	11	2	3000	1	650	850	....	150	24	4	29	160	8	5	13	4	1	..	2	1	1	....	....	488	9	.....
Scottville and Riverton Indian Mission	10	53	..	..	1	...	..	......	..	.....	.....	....	.....	....	..	...	....	2	....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	....	269	1	.....
Sherman	2	75	1	..	1	3	..	......	..	.....	.....	....	.....	....	3	28	125	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	130	....	.....
Shelby	36	193	1	2	5	11	1	4000	1	700	200	250	250	130	1	20	175	27	48	75	15	3	1	15	7	4	....	....	764	35	.....
Shepherd	20	125	1	2	1	23	2	3500	..	.....	1448	55	531	65	3	34	180	36	6	42	10	1	1	10	3	2	....	2	763	24	.....
Stanwood and Altoona	15	90	1	1	1	...	1	750	1	350	855	....	.....	10	3	28	128	10	....	10	3	1	1	3	1	1	....	....	408	11	.....
Summit	16	45	..	1	3	2	1	1500	1	600	300	....	.....	30	2	16	75	16	....	16	8	1	1	1	2	..	....	....	457	8	.....
White Cloud	7	17	..	..	...	4	1	1500	..	.....	.....	....	.....	30	1	6	25	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	254	....	.....
Whitehall	3	113	..	..	...	7	1	5500	1	1200	1230	....	.....	140	1	17	150	30	50	80	14	2	1	10	6	2	82	....	1228	35	.....
TOTAL	657	3816	26	57	162	340	60	137250	30	26680	15771	3923	11397	3068	88	920	6383	634	492	1126	187	43	29	166	97	48	542	135	25091	588	399

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NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonage.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonage.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Ashton	J. H. Strickland	475	345	130	32	32	2	1	10	3
Big Rapids	J. W. Miller	1300	1300	....	132	132	....	10	....	40
Butman	W. Inman	....	160	....	....	3	....	....	....	....
Calkinsville and Isabella Indian Mission	E. L. Odle	470	510	....	40	40	3	3	8	8
Chase	J. H. Wilcox	350	300	50	40	30	....	....	10	2
Chippewa Lake	G. H. Johnson	400	400	....	32	32	3	1	10	5
Clare	C. W. Smith	672	547	125	40	38	13	....	30	4
Coleman	George Killeen	565	525	40	40	40	....	2	....	8
Crystal Valley	James Draper	520	385	135	36	36	7	1	21	9
Dushville	N. M. Barnes	....	38	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Evart	G. A. Odlum	1000	1000	....	64	64	10	5	44	44
Farwell	S. C. Tiney	500	400	100	36	36	3	....	14	7
Ferry	A. C. Barclay	....	130	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Freesoil	J. W. Perkins	500	181	319	32	28	....	....	....	....
Fremont	L. L. Tower	500	500	....	36	36	4	4	13	13
Gladwin	J. A. DeGraff	450	410	40	36	36	4	....	13	8
Harrison	J. H. Buttleman	550	500	50	36	36	3	1	10	10
Hart	N. M. Steele	750	650	100	50	50	3	3	11	5
Hersey	W. J. Douglass	520	460	60	36	28	3	....	10	8
Hesperia	J. W. Sheehan	425	396	29	36	36	4	4	13	13
Holton	J. O. Snider	448	245	203	24	20	....	1	....	2
Howard City	J. S. Montgomery	625	600	25	48	48	....	3	30	20
Luther	J. C. Beach	600	603	....	40	40	3	3	17	23
Ludington—First Church	W. J. Maybee	1100	1100	....	56	56	....	6	45	42
" Fourth Ward and Buttarsville	John Sharp	600	550	50	36	34	1	1	13	10

Manistee	F. L. Thompson	1400	1400	....	74	74	13	13	45	45
Marion	A. A. Stephens	300	207	93	20	5	1	....	5	7
Millbrook	W. Earle	550	471	79	44	37	4	....	10	7
Montague	S. C. Davis	900	750	150	56	53	12	2	30	34
Morley	E. F. Newell	600	540	60	40	40	6	3	15	11
Mt. Pleasant	R. S. Shorts	1250	1250	....	75	75	15	8	43	23
Paris	R. C. Crane	350	130	220	24	20	3	1	8	3
Pentwater	A. H. Coors	....	460	....	40	40	5	5	16	15
Pierson	E. Treadgold	650	575	75	44	32	9	3	20	12
Reed City	D. C. Riehl	800	800	....	50	50	5	3	31	30
Sandford	C. H. Theobald	550	460	90	32	26	3	2	10	9
Scottville and Riverton Indian Mission	William Spence	380	245	135	32	23	....	1	....	1
Sherman City	J. K. Putnam	300	125	275	20	5	....	....	....	....
Shelby	W. L. Laufman	700	700	....	52	52	12	12	35	35
Shepherd	E. I. Sincleir	700	700	....	56	56	10	7	35	24
Stanwood and Altona	L. Aler	440	364	76	40	40	6	4	15	11
Summit	H. D. Skinner	425	425	....	36	30	2	2	8	8
White Cloud	D. Ellsworth	500	242	258	24	12	....	....	....	....
Whitehall	G. D. Chase	1150	1150	....	68	68	10	10	45	35
TOTAL		25265	23229	1967	1785	1669	182	125	693	488

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																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Ch's & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For SundaySchool Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Allen	22	131	..	2	..	11	1	10000	1	600	17	..	....	60	1	15	80	21	19	40	8	2	2	3	5	2	....	....	601	9	......
Athens	7	110	1	1	..	5	3	5700	..	......	137	78	...	115	3	27	159	58	7	65	4	2	1	4	3	2	....	....	751	32	......
Bronson	25	172	..	1	3	16	1	3500	1	1200	22	....	200	180	1	22	95	45	45	...	5	2	1	5	5	..	....	....	814	25	......
Burlington	3	53	..	1	..	1	1	3000	..	......	30	....	....	50	1	16	90	5	6	11	....	..	..	1	....	..	....	....	316	2	......
Burr Oak	4	87	1	..	..	11	1	4000	..	......	....	....	....	70	3	23	....	13	7	20	2	1	1	2	1	1	....	....	454	12	......
Butler	27	139	2	2	..	27	1	1600	1	800	....	40	....	15	5	51	200	54	2	56	3	..	..	3	....	..	....	....	648	12	......
Cambria	12	90	1	2	..	6	2	4000	1	600	300	60	220	60	2	18	120	22	3	25	2	1	1	2	2	3	10	....	620	15	......
Camden	20	110	1	2	4	10	2	5100	..	......	....	....	....	5	4	42	200	30	4	34	1	1	..	3	2	1	....	....	501	16	.. ...
Centreville	59	228	1	1	4	41	1	3000	1	1000	226	....	...	218	2	29	215	45	15	60	2	..	..	2	2	..	56	...	948	25	......
Coldwater	168	775	1	8	13	106	1	30000	..	......	900	...	...	700	1	42	600	374	80	454	63	18	8	63	23	15	117	126	1645	150	415
Coldwater Circuit	5	12	..	..	..	11	..	......	..	......	....	....	....	....	3	25	105	8	...	8	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	147	....	......
Colon	3	107	2	2	..	....	2	6500	..	....	150	....	...	39	3	29	157	30	.....	30	4	1	1	2	5	1	13	....	503	10	......
Constantine	24	210	2	2	2	25	2	1200	1	1500	540	....	690	200	2	38	215	55	15	70	4	1	1	3	9	1	37	....	926	18	......
Gilead	4	65	..	..	3	2	1	2000	..	......	327	....	....	30	1	11	65	17	9	26	4	1	1	2	....	1	31	....	344	8	......
Girard	20	165	..	2	..	....	1	6000	1	1000	...	....	....	100	2	24	120	31	4	35	1	..	..	1	2	..	....	....	834	10	......
Hillsdale	86	288	4	8	3	65	1	10000	1	1500	84	....	....	402	1	36	406	102	10	112	28	5	3	28	14	18	51	18	1288	65	2
Jonesville	18	158	..	2	1	3	2	4500	1	900	500	..	500	100	2	40	195	14	21	35	3	1	1	4	3	8	8	....	701	13	275
Kinderhook	17	90	2	5	..	....	1	2000	1	750	65	..	....	50	3	18	100	20	....	20	5	2	1	7	6	2	....	....	589	10	......
North Adams	....	250	..	2	..	1	1	6000	1	1200	159	....	...	226	1	22	179	74	26	100	5	2	2	3	5	2	74	10	984	46	......
Osseo	2	54	1	2	2	10	3	5000	1	2000	30	40	166	150	2	14	65	3	3	6	2	..	..	2	1	2	11	....	495	11	......
Quincy	30	235	2	5	..	22	2	9000	1	1800	400	200	30	340	3	40	250	81	35	116	28	5	2	28	20	6	104	3	1085	58	2
Ransom	11	90	..	..	..	....	3	4100	1	500	....	....	...	50	2	31	194	21	....	21	2	..	..	2	4	..	29	....	650	20	......
Reading	17	119	..	2	3	17	1	1500	1	1000	...	....	115	60	1	18	120	42	18	60	4	1	1	5	4	2	7	....	691	20	7
Sherwood	23	81	..	..	1	14	1	4500	..	.....	18	...	....	170	2	23	121	35	...	35	9	1	1	9	4	2	....	....	630	17	......
Sturgis	....	203	..	5	..	....	1	8500	1	1500	62	....	....	171	1	18	194	65	25	90	12	1	..	12	5	..	20	....	1001	37	......
Union City	87	207	1	3	1	65	1	14000	1	1000	160	....	....	230	1	27	230	73	27	100	12	2	2	10	6	2	87	5	989	26	349
White Pigeon	8	135	1	..	2	8	1	2500	1	1000	5	....	....	184	1	16	171	53	7	60	12	2	1	11	12	3	87	105	762	18	......
Wheatland	8	70	1	1	1	8	2	1400	1	250	80	....	....	25	2	30	70	25	5	30	5	1	1	5	4	6	....	...	464	15	......
TOTAL	710	4434	24	61	43	485	40	158600	19	20100	4212	418	1921	4000	56	745	4716	1416	348	1764	230	53	32	222	147	80	742	267	20381	700	1050

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		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Allen	J. R. Skinner	615	547	68	49	49	10	5	30	9
Athens	A. Hunsberger	700	700	....	48	48	11	3	32	32
Bronson	E. W. Laing	800	757	43	52	52	12	5	34	25
Burlington	L. W. Earl	400	300	100	16	16	....	....	....	2
Burr Oak	H. W. Thompson	400	420	....	32	32	8	2	23	12
Butler	Nelson R. Woods	600	600	....	48	48	9	....	28	
Cambria	W. C. Muffitt	575	575	....	42	42	7	3	20	
Camden	Adam Clark	460	465	....	36	36	....	....	23	16
Centreville	J. T. Orwick	875	875	....	68	68	18	5	48	25
Coldwater	W. A. Hunsberger,	1500	1500	....	140	140	25	25	126	150
Coldwater Circuit	Jno. W. Hart	....	131	....	12	16	1	....	3	....
Colon	E. D. Young	575	458	117	40	40	9	5	32	10
Constantine	S. C. Strickland	800	800	....	68	68	....	8	....	18
Gilead	R. M. Young	300	317	....	25	25	4	2	12	8
Girard	L. S. Mathews	800	775	25	65	55	16	4	43	10
Hillsdale	G. C Draper	1200	1200	....	70	70	18	18	56	65
Jonesville	F W. Corbett	650	650	....	48	48	14	3	40	13
Kinderhook	W. J. Tarrant	575	545	30	40	40	4	4	28	10
North Adams	L E. Lennox	900	900	....	70	70	18	14	56	46
Osseo	A. K. Stewart	452	454	....	40	40	6	1	17	11
Quincy	E. L. Kellogg	1000	1000	....	75	75	20	20	58	58
Ranson	Andrew Potter	....	600	....	....	48	....	2	....	20
Reading	J. T. Iddings	550	650	....	40	40	1	1	20	20
Sherwood	D. D. Martin	600	600	....	24	24	6	6	17	17
Sturgis	C. A. Varnum	925	925	....	76	76	18	....	53	37
Union City	Thomas Nicholson	920	920	....	56	57	16	12	45	26
White Pigeon	Herbert H. Rood	700	700	....	54	54	14	8	38	18
Wheatland	William Paddock	436	436	....	24	24	6	4	15	15
TOTAL	....	18308	18850	383	1354	1401	271	160	897	700

STATISTICS OF GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Ch's & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses—Sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For SundaySchool Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Ada	6	92	..	1	2	5	1	1700	..	300	...	....	....	30	2	16	80	6	4	10	1	1	..	....	1	1	2	....	342	8	......
Ashland	2	100	..	3	...	...	1	3000	1	800	....	....	....	....	1	12	50	10	14	24	....	..	..	....	2	..	....	...	592	4	......
Berlin and Lamont	1	74	..	..	...	...	2	7000	2	3200	15	25	....	45	2	20	90	14	1	15	4	1	..	5	4	1	....	....	423	11	......
Byron and Dorr	13	148	2	1	...	1	2	800	1	800	50	....	....	100	2	28	183	40	35	75	3	1	1	2	1	1	....	...	783	20	21
Caledonia	6	95	..	2	2	5	3	3500	1	1000	175	....	....	45	4	36	230	25	15	40	4	1	1	4	3	2	....	.. .	604	10	31
Cannonsburg	2	57	1	3	...	...	3	8000	1	1000	200	225	....	100	2	10	60	10	5	15	...	..	..	....	....	..	....	...	260	7	8
Casnovia	8	56	1	..	1	...	2	4000	1	1200	55	....	....	50	2	19	120	26	4	30	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	638	15	......
Cedar Springs	8	94	..	1	9	4	2	5500	1	1700	750	....	450	100	2	32	250	20	10	30	2	1	1	2	3	1	10	....	683	14	......
Coopersville	....	72	2	3	2	...	2	4500	1	950	60	140	400	75	2	27	161	5	25	30	5	1	1	5	4	1	14	...	705	10	......
Grand Haven	1	58	..	1	2	...	1	3000	1	......	90	60	850	18	1	12	75	5	4	9	1	..	..	....	1	..	13	....	656	4	......
Grand Rapids—Ames Church	20	240	..	2	2	20	1	6000	..	......	100	....	....	167	1	31	340	19	21	40	8	2	1	8	4	2	13	....	956	21	......
" " Div. St. Ch.	20	526	1	7	18	4	1	55000	..	......	100	....	....	1900	1	50	360	327	273	600	90	5	5	100	40	20	446	20	2933	200	......
" " East St. Ch.	....	175	..	..	3	3	1	7000	..	......	....	....	....	175	2	26	280	38	18	56	5	2	2	5	10	2	60	....	1060	60	50
" " Plainfield Av.	5	124	..	..	3	4	1	4000	..	......	3700	....	1200	78	1	26	263	24	....	24	1	..	..	1	1	..	20	...	785	18	......
" " Second Street	45	423	2	3	7	3	4	43500	1	3500	1170	....	340	723	4	86	727	10	150	160	33	7	2	38	16	9	112	80	1696	75	71
Grandville	9	127	1	1	7	4	2	3200	1	800	18	228	....	40	4	44	200	12	8	20	1	1	..	3	4	1	....	.	626	9	......
Hastings	9	217	1	3	...	3	1	6000	1	1500	....	....	....	155	1	28	323	140	30	170	23	5	2	25	36	9	72	101	1173	60	......
Hastings Circuit	14	174	1	1	...	7	1	1200	..	......	200	....	....	25	3	25	180	23	2	25	3	..	..	5	1	1	15	....	558	20	......
Holland	2	75	1	..	5	...	1	3000	1	1000	25	....	40	50	1	19	107	9	27	36	5	1	1	6	2	2	12	...	605	14	......
Irving	1	81	1	2	...	1	1	3200	1	1000	46	....	. ..	20	4	27	170	20	....	20	....	..	1	1	....	2	11	....	517	15	......
Middleville	8	141	..	..	...	3	1	2500	1	1000	1000	....	....	72	3	35	231	27	19	46	3	1	1	4	....	1	14	....	756	22	8
Muskegon	156	518	2	2	35	170	3	45000	1	4000	210	....	95	970	4	62	956	175	50	225	70	10	4	40	30	10	46	102	1975	112	275
Newaygo	9	30	1	1	1	3	1	2000	1	1000	100	....	60	25	3	37	143	6	....	6	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	...	410	....	......
North Muskegon	4	40	..	..	9	10	1	2500	..	......	....	....	....	25	1	8	80	6	5	11	2	..	..	2	....	..	. .	...	662	5	......
Nunica	....	10	..	..	...	...	1	1500	..	......	100	....	....	....	2	18	80	....	....	....	...	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	325	....	......
Ravenna	6	71	..	1	...	7	1	2000	1	250	152	....	....	85	1	13	74	12	3	15	3	..	1	....	2	1	....	....	588	8	......
Sparta	52	153	..	5	...	38	2	4500	1	1500	....	....	....	115	2	31	214	45	20	65	5	1	1	5	4	1	24	.. .	787	14	......
Spring Lake	4	100	..	..	2	10	1	3000	1	600	....	....	....	45	2	37	150	18	22	40	2	1	..	1	5	1	....	...	747	18	......
Wayland	17	94	..	..	14	23	1	2500	1	800	....	...	....	65	2	16	114	13	13	26	3	1	1	3	4	1	....	....	400	5	......
West Olive	45	67	1	1	2	10	1	500	..	......	....	....	....	....	5	25	200	....	7	7	....	..	..	. ..	....	..	...	2	300	6	......
Rockford	5	136	..	3	...	1	2	6400	1	800	230	....	...	150	2	24	131	16	19	35	5	2	1	4	6	2	....	....	664	13	......
TOTAL	478	4368	18	47	126	339	48	245500	23	28700	8546	678	3435	5448	69	880	6622	1101	804	1905	283	46	28	272	186	73	885	306	24209	798	465

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		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonage.	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Parsonage.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Ada	J. N. Dayton	500	310	190	30	30	4	2	8	8
Ashland	A. T. Frey	550	550	....	40	40	10	2	20	4
Berlin and Lamont	Thomas R. Rible	436	391	45	40	31	9	1	25	11
Byron and Dorr	J. W. Buell	700	700	....	70	70	13	13	40	20
Caledonia	A. S. Williams	560	560	....	40	40	6	4	20	10
Cannonsburg	C. R. Crosby	200	200	....	55	55	7	5	20	7
Casnovia	J. H. Bennett	575	591	....	45	45	6	2	20	15
Cedar Springs	H. D. Jordan	700	641	59	45	40	....	2	....	14
Coopersville	George Varion	700	650	50	50	50	7	5	22	10
Grand Haven	Wm. Jennings	650	620	30	35	35	3	1	10	4
Grand Rapids—Ames Church	J. G. Crozier	1000	911	89	40	40	9	5	30	21
" " Division Street	John Graham	2600	2600	....	270	270	63	63	190	200
" " East Street	George D. Lee	1000	1000	....	50	50	10	10	60	60
" " Plainfield Ave	Delos Cronk	750	750	....	35	35	....	....	....	18
" " Second Street	J. W. Reid	1550	1550	....	140	140	26	26	75	75
Grandville	C. J. Sonoma	575	580	....	45	45	6	1	16	9
Hastings	W. M. Puffer	1050	1053	....	100	100	20	20	60	60
Hastings Circuit	W. G. Rowland	515	515	....	40	40	7	3	21	20
Holland	R. C. Crawford	800	560	240	40	40	7	5	24	14
Irving	G. E. Hollister	475	475	....	40	40	....	2	20	15
Middleville	T. T. George	700	700	....	50	50	8	6	28	22
Muskegon	W. J. Aldrich	1800	1800	....	150	150	25	25	100	112
Newaygo	C. A. Cutler	560	380	180	30	30	....	....	....	....
North Muskegon	J. Klose	600	630	....	30	30	2	2	5	5
Nunica	M. M. Miner	300	300	....	25	25	....	....	....	....
Ravenna	M. J. Brownell	550	550	....	35	35	3	3	10	8
Rockford	J. W. Horner	700	600	100	55	55	9	9	30	13
Sparta	A. J. Wheeler	725	725	....	60	60	10	2	25	14
Spring Lake	W. A. Frye	700	700	....	45	45	....	2	18	18
Wayland	J. E. White	600	370	230	40	30	....	....	5	5
West Olive	C. W. Marshall	374	270	104	30	30	....	....	6	6
TOTAL		23495	22232	1317	1810	1776	270	221	908	798

STATISTICS OF GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Ch's & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses—Sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For SundaySchool Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Alba	19	40	2	..	1	2	..	......	..	.....	.....	....	....	$ 20	3	22	88	8	....	8	2	..	..	1	1	..	....	....	239	4	......
Bear Lake	26	133	1	2	...	8	2	1200	1	550	82	....	....	50	1	11	85	12	9	21	3	1	1	3	2	2	....	....	476	8	8
Bellaire	9	48	..	1	...	8	1	4000	1	700	50	$347	1273	30	1	8	109	11	2	13	2	..	..	2	....	1	....	....	406	3	......
Benzonia	4	41	..	1	..	1	1	1200	1	.....	8	....	....	25	2	16	140	12	....	12	3	..	..	3	....	..	....	....	169	5	......
Boyne City	5	100	1	1	...	...	1	600	1	500	.....	29	....	44	2	20	151	5	1	5	1	..	..	1	1	..	....	....	550	2	......
Cadillac	36	127	1	2	8	40	1	10000	1	1500	3000	....	5000	168	1	18	180	13	37	50	10	2	1	8	9	8	30	....	1118	25	......
Cadillac Circuit	14	85	1	..	...	...	2	1540	1	450	.....	....	....	50	4	28	90	10	5	15	2	1	3	1	1	1	....	....	419	11	9
Charlevoix	4	128	..	1	5	4	1	3200	1	1800	150	....	50	120	1	18	150	18	5	23	2	1	..	1	2	..	....	....	775	13	7
Clarion	10	90	2	..	10	16	1	1000	1	300	500	....	....	....	2	16	112	10	2	12	3	..	..	3	....	..	....	....	389	6	......
Cross Village	10	65	..	..	...	7	..	......	1	450	50	....	....	9	3	18	90	4	....	4	1	1	..	....	....	..	....	1	331	2	......
East Jordan	6	117	..	..	8	12	1	3000	2	800	100	200	500	80	2	25	150	11	8	19	3	..	..	2	....	..	....	....	766	6	......
Elk Rapids	22	110	1	1	4	20	1	4000	1	1000	3	272	950	100	2	20	80	25	....	25	5	1	1	5	5	1	17	....	824	10	100
Fife Lake	7	106	..	..	11	6	2	2970	1	100	170	111	244	40	4	36	222	5	2	7	2	1	..	2	....	1	....	....	478	5	......
Frankfort	11	70	1	4	11	10	2	3000	1	600	65	....	50	125	3	15	125	2	6	8	2	..	..	1	1	..	26	....	390	3	......
Harbor Springs	9	57	..	..	5	9	1	1600	1	600	75	15	165	25	1	17	50	12	....	12	3	1	..	3	2	1	....	....	380	6	......
Inland and Oviatt	16	95	2	2	...	8	1	1200	1	300	.....	....	....	15	5	26	112	15	....	15	2	1	..	2	1	1	....	....	296	6	......
Ironton	7	60	1	1	15	...	1	1000	1	500	50	....	100	30	2	18	75	6	....	6	2	1	..	2	1	1	....	....	280	5	......
Kalkaska	22	79	1	1	...	2	1	3400	1	300	.....	140	260	50	2	15	150	7	....	7	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	534	3	......
Kingsley	5	48	2	1	...	8	2	2000	..	.....	500	....	300	20	3	28	100	....	....	....	1	..	..	1	....	..	....	....	246	1	......
Lake City	4	34	..	1	...	2	1	2000	1	1000	70	10	3	70	..	....	....	8	....	8	1	1	1	....	2	1	....	....	559	20	......
Leroy	30	190	4	3	2	33	1	2000	1	400	120	....	....	30	2	20	120	12	....	12	1	..	..	1	5	1	....	....	563	10	62
Mackinaw City	18	22	..	..	2	...	..	......	..	.....	400	....	....	25	1	13	80	25	....	25	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	471	....	......
Mancelona	3	123	1	2	3	3	2	3200	1	800	.....	675	....	100	2	26	180	5	5	10	3	1	..	2	1	..	21	....	793	10	......
Manton	4	83	1	4	2	6	1	1500	1	500	.....	20	200	50	1	14	100	5	3	8	2	1	..	1	5	1	....	....	485	5	1
Monroe Centre	16	68	2	1	...	10	1	700	1	425	25	25	25	10	2	18	75	10	....	1 0	....	..	..	....	1	1	5	5	325	5	......
Northport and Northport Indian Mission	6	88	2	4	11	2	2	2400	1	400	15	19	161	29	2	18	57	7	...	7	1	1	..	1	1	1	4	3	497	8	......
Norwood	20	78	2	1	5	1	2	4000	1	800	100	500	....	100	4	20	120	30	....	30	7	1	1	3	3	1	....	....	794	15	......
Petoskey	125	267	1	5	3	87	1	2000	..	.....	5400	....	....	200	1	24	213	50	12	62	7	..	1	3	10	2	75	....	868	15	......
Petoskey Indian Mission	30	81	2	9	9	..	2	500	..	.....	.....	....	....	15	3	15	66	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	20	....	......
Sherman	....	67	1	2	6	3	1	2000	1	750	35	....	....	50	2	14	128	1	....	1	4	1	1	3	2	1	35	....	542	10	......
Spencer Creek	13	51	3	1	1	...	1	1400	1	500	.....	125	214	27	3	22	80	20	....	20	3	1	..	2	1	1	....	....	485	8	......
Steetsville	13	60	..	1	2	21	..	......	1	500	44	47	24	....	5	38	160	16	....	16	3	1	..	3	1	1	....	....	376	23	......
Torch Lake	10	110	3	2	10	5	2	1300	..	.....	53	13	6	50	3	30	162	12	....	12	3	1	..	3	2	1	....	....	522	6	700
Traverse City	9	150	..	..	2	3	1	4000	..	.....	.....	....	....	200	1	18	150	38	12	50	2	..	..	....	5	5	58	....	850	30	......
Traverse City Circuit	7	72	2	2	...	7	..	......	..	.....	.....	....	....	....	2	15	86	15	....	15	1	..	..	1	....	..	....	....	271	7	......
Williamsburg	3	84	1	3	...	3	1	2000	..	.....	100	....	22	35	1	14	91	5	....	5	1	1	1	1	3	1	....	....	463	3	......

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Bear Lake	P. Whitman	560	438	122	34	34	4	4	15	8
Bellaire	J. Allen	480	376	104	34	30				3
Benzonia	S. N. Cornell	200	150	50	21	17	3	2	5	5
Boyne City	J. Burdge	550	525	25	26	24	3	1	10	2
Cadillac	J. K. Stark	1050	1050		64	64	4	4	12	25
Cadillac Circuit	O. D. Watkins	425	388	37	30	28	3	3	10	11
Charlevoix	W. H. McCartney	725	725		48	48	5	2	15	13
Clarion	J. G. Holliday	362	362		25	25	2	2	6	6
Cross Village	Thomas Tindall	305	305		28	25		1		2
East Jordan	G. S. Robinson	725	725		40	40	3	1	12	6
Elk Rapids	A. J. Eldred	770	770		50	50	4	4	10	10
Fife Lake	D. A. Green	500	449	51	33	28	3	1	10	5
Frankfort	G. W. Howe	700	365	335	32	24	3	1	9	3
Harbor Springs	G. S. Barnes	360	360		18	18	2	2	6	6
Inland and Oviatt	E. Wood	300	265	35	32	29	2	2	8	6
Ironton	D. P. Dorrance	265	265		12	13	2	2	5	5
Kalkaska	F. J. McKinley	550	500	50	34	34				3
Kingsley	William Moore	350	236	114	10	10			1	1
Lake City	J. W. Steffe	600	526	74	30	30	4	3	7	20
Leroy	A. W. Bushee	580	520	60	42	42	5	1	10	10
Mackinaw City	I. Blanchett	450	450		20	20	1	1	3	
Mancelona	J. Gulick	750	750		40	40	5	3	16	10
Manton	W. Heath	500	450	50	34	34	2	1	8	5
Monroe Center	L. Kenny	330	296	34	36	38	2	1	8	5
Northport	J. Eagle }	475	475		32	31	2	1	8	8
Northport Indian Mission	J. Eagle }									
Norwood	B. H. Whitman	750	750		40	40	4	4	15	15
Petoskey	D. O. Ball	800	800		65	65		3		15
Petoskey Indian Mission	John Kewaygeshik	150		150	20	20				
Sherman	A. L. Thurston	550	510	40	40	30	4	2	10	10
Spencer Creek	F. G. Stevens	450	450		32	32	3	3	9	8
Stettsville	W. Z. Cole	330	350		20	24	2	2	5	23
Torch Lake	S. P. Hewitt	500	500		20	20	2	2	6	6
Traverse City	F. C. Lee	1000	765	235	80	80	5	5	30	30
Traverse City Circuit	S. Steele	250	250		20	20	1	1	6	7
Williamsburg	C. N. Coulter	500	430	70	32	32	3	1	10	3
TOTAL		17042	16751	1709	1189	1131	91	68	279	299

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Belding	10	85	..	1	2	15	2	$ 4000	..	......	....	158	513	82	2	28	160	25	...	25	4	1	1	2	10	2	20	....	631	12	......
Bowne	6	142	2	1	..	....	3	6425	1	945	20	....	....	100	3	31	146	30	13	43	3	1	1	5	4	1	...	....	761	25	......
Carson City	23	200	3	4	6	23	3	7000	1	1700	1300	....	600	195	2	29	245	14	64	78	13	1	2	9	5	..	21	28	977	39	......
Coral	40	109	2	..	1	....	1	2000	1	275	135	....	....	50	4	37	171	5	10	15	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	571	8	......
Crystal	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	......	..	......	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	......	....	......
Danby	7	137	3	1	..	5	3	7000	1	700	430	240	....	156	3	40	230	25	....	25	2	..	..	2	3	..	....	....	711	15	15
Edmore	20	68	7	3	5	8	2	5000	..	......	....	150	375	142	2	25	190	6	....	6	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	526	3	......
Freeport	13	67	..	2	..	1	2	3000	..	......	....	....	600	20	3	27	167	12	....	12	1	..	..	1	2	..	....	....	394	3	......
Greenville	14	278	..	1	7	....	1	25000	1	3000	1500	....	2400	452	1	28	290	67	53	120	30	4	2	30	14	7	77	48	1330	....	......
Greenville Circuit	4	115	2	3	..	16	3	3600	..	......	95	....	..	45	3	35	188	38	12	50	8	2	1	6	6	3	19	25	699	20	......
Hubbardston	12	130	..	..	..	15	3	7000	1	1000	235	....	30	130	1	17	122	16	9	25	5	2	1	4	2	2	23	....	743	20	......
Ionia	20	400	1	4	5	35	1	45000	1	3500	150	....	2500	800	1	40	548	85	75	160	39	6	3	40	23	6	54	56	1717	80	60
Lake Odessa	16	116	1	..	..	4	2	3500	..	......	650	600	100	80	2	33	243	35	11	46	1	1	1	1	2	1	17	....	542	15	......
Lake View	13	78	2	..	3	....	1	3000	1	1000	70	....	...	70	2	24	160	37	13	50	9	1	1	5	6	2	...	....	728	25	......
Langston	5	80	2	1	..	4	..	......	1	400	22	....	....	....	..	....	...	25	....	25	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	322	3	......
Lowell	28	160	..	7	..	13	1	6000	1	1300	....	130	278	138	2	32	210	37	16	53	7	1	1	8	4	2	48	24	841	35	......
Lyons and Muir	....	72	..	2	..	....	2	6000	1	1000	....	....	....	75	1	9	50	5	3	8	1	..	..	1	...	..	....	....	461	2	......
Orange	47	172	..	1	13	12	2	5000	1	1000	50	....	....	200	3	40	200	83	....	83	15	2	1	15	5	3	33	....	879	42	......
Orleans	17	133	1	2	..	....	2	3500	1	800	....	....	....	40	3	40	200	30	....	30	3	1	1	2	2	2	27	....	599	12	......
Palo	13	193	2	1	2	4	2	5200	1	400	225	....	....	100	2	27	150	27	13	40	2	1	..	4	7	2	....	....	734	15	......
Portland	41	270	..	..	..	13	1	5000	1	2000	50	....	....	150	1	24	200	44	26	70	10	2	1	9	9	3	60	32	1217	34	......
Saranac	12	86	..	2	..	1	2	5000	1	750	25	....	....	50	2	25	115	16	4	20	1	1	..	1	6	1	8	....	564	8	......
Sheridan	20	67	1	1	..	11	2	4000	1	250	75	....	200	75	2	16	125	12	18	30	2	1	1	2	1	2	....	....	528	14	......
Stanton	6	107	..	1	7	5	1	3000	1	750	600	178	99	50	1	20	134	8	12	20	6	1	1	6	5	1	25	....	670	14	......
Vergennes and Keene	7	103	..	..	..	1	2	3600	1	400	275	....	....	50	4	28	160	18	19	37	...	..	..	3	....	..	68	....	644	14	......
Woodland	6	71	1	1	2	....	2	3800	1	800	....	....	..	125	2	22	110	16	10	26	6	1	1	5	4	2	15	....	621	14	......
TOTAL	400	3438	30	39	53	186	46	171625	20	21970	5907	1456	7695	3375	52	677	4514	716	381	1097	168	30	20	161	120	42	515	213	18410	472	75

STATISTICS FOR IONIA DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonage.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonage.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Belding	William Judd	600	600	....	28	28	5	3	15	12
Bowne	A. R. Keillor	675	701	....	58	58	11	2	32	25
Carson City	E. H. King	900	900	....	70	70	14	7	39	39
Coral	N. E. Gibbs	600	525	75	45	45	9	1	22	8
Crystal	F. Simmons	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Danby	J. W. Arney	650	650	....	56	56	11	5	31	15
Edmore	O. J. Golden	800	525	275	53	....	....	1	....	3
Freeport	M. B. Townsend	440	371	69	32	23	7	....	18	3
Greenville	L. Grosenbaugh	1200	1200	....	109	109	21	21	....	93
Greenville Circuit	John Dobson	650	650	....	45	45	9	4	25	20
Hubbardston	Albert Smith	700	700	....	50	40	10	3	23	20
Ionia	A. M. Gould	1550	1550	....	140	140	27	27	79	80
Lake Odessa	T. P. Bennett	500	500	....	41	41	8	1	23	15
Lakeview	H. R. Hawley	675	675	....	45	45	9	9	25	25
Langston	James Westbrook	375	295	80	25	25	4	2	12	3
Lowell	A. T. Luther	800	775	25	69	60	13	6	35	35
Lyons and Muir	T. H. Jacokes	600	442	158	43	17	....	2	....	2
Orange	F. A. VanDeWalker	800	800	....	69	69	15	10	42	42
Orleans	F. J. Freeman	650	850	100	50	46	11	3	27	12
Palo	F. N. Janes	700	675	25	54	54	12	4	36	15
Portland	J. W. Hallenbeck	1100	1100	....	105	105	20	12	58	34
Saranac	J. A. Weyant	600	525	75	39	37	8	2	22	8
Sheridan	A. F. Nagler	550	490	60	37	37	7	1	21	14
Stanton	Charles Nease	675	625	50	48	42	11	3	30	14
Vergennes and Keene	Geo. A. Myers	600	600	....	43	43	8	1	24	14
Woodland	L. M. Garlick	600	580	20	35	35	7	6	20	14
TOTAL	....	17990	17004	1012	1389	1270	257	136	659	565

STATISTICS FOR KALAMAZOO DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Ch's & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current expenses—Sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For SundaySchool Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Allegan	31	139	2	2	..	2	1	3000	1	1200	86	....	325	144	1	20	236	71	24	95	4	1	1	2	2	1	....	....	873	10	......
Augusta	4	134	..	2	11	7	2	5000	1	1500	25	100	400	90	2	27	135	30	25	55	8	1	1	6	4	2	23	....	658	20	......
Banfield	9	112	..	1	6	7	2	4000	1	600	10	10	130	25	3	25	125	47	....	47	5	1	1	7	10	2	....	....	572	10	......
Bloomingdale	32	286	..	4	3	4	3	5300	1	800	135	33	112	125	4	46	278	29	21	50	7	2	2	7	1	2	....	....	773	20	11
Climax	8	144	..	1	..	1	2	10000	1	1800	30	...	....	150	2	30	160	85	25	110	6	1	1	5	5	2	89	....	942	25	5
Comstock	6	52	..	2	..	7	1	3000	1	900	26	52	...	25	1	9	44	35	5	40	....	..	..	....	2	..	....	....	427	12	......
Cooper	10	93	..	1	..	7	1	3800	1	600	25	....	....	100	2	21	123	21	14	35	3	1	2	3	4	2	36	....	584	3	......
Douglass	3	42	..	..	..	....	1	2000	..	.....	.....	....	....	20	1	8	40	15	....	15	....	1	..	3	1	2	....	....	205	7	......
Fennville	13	62	..	..	1	2	2	3000	..	.....	2000	....	....	25	2	22	148	20	10	30	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	452	4	......
Galesburg	12	174	2	3	..	8	1	14000	1	600	400	...	....	125	1	24	300	75	10	85	12	2	1	10	8	3	60	40	825	34	6
Ganges	8	94	1	3	..	1	1	3350	1	1400	271	....	225	65	2	21	154	26	15	41	4	1	1	4	3	1	....	....	596	18	......
Goblesville	7	42	1	..	..	5	2	3000	..	.....	1400	1400	1200	36	2	25	136	10	....	10	3	1	1	2	1	1	5	5	369	4	1
Kalamazoo—First Church	41	575	2	5	2	19	1	52000	..	.....	.....	...	....	1520	1	56	442	100	250	350	70	8	6	64	35	12	115	342	2025	180	265
" Simpson Church	20	158	..	2	2	11	1	3500	..	.....	41	....	...	118	1	29	185	25	25	50	8	2	1	5	10	4	54	15	1042	20	......
Kendall	9	40	..	..	1	....	1	2000	1	300	.....	65	....	25	1	10	60	10	5	15	1	..	..	1	1	1	....	....	332	7	......
Lacota	5	105	..	4	2	2	2	3000	1	700	.....	...	....	55	1	11	70	14	12	26	4	2	1	2	4	2	....	....	584	15	......
Martin	43	199	1	2	2	40	2	4000	1	1500	103	440	875	100	2	31	218	13	97	110	4	2	2	3	7	2	73	....	862	20	......
Mendon	3	201	..	9	1	7	2	3500	1	1000	600	...	....	106	2	18	90	55	35	90	10	3	2	10	18	3	40	....	986	40	......
Mill Grove	14	36	..	..	..	12	1	1500	..	.....	.....	....	....	....	2	19	82	10	....	10	1	..	2	1	....	1	....	....	350	3	......
Monteray	5	67	..	1	..	....	1	1800	1	100	200	....	....	30	3	25	100	10	....	10	6	1	1	....	1	1	....	....	386	6	......
Nottawa and Bradley Indian Mission	4	61	3	..	..	....	..	......	..	.....	.....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	......	....	......
Oshtemo	19	75	..	..	..	5	1	2000	1	800	18	....	....	50	2	15	100	5	4	9	2	1	1	1	3	1	21	....	489	19	......
Otsego	56	467	2	5	..	48	2	5100	1	1000	3186	....	....	125	3	30	350	68	57	125	28	4	2	22	14	6	118	42	1103	70	......
Parkville	6	107	..	2	..	1	2	7000	1	500	43	....	....	30	3	24	135	24	4	28	5	1	1	7	5	2	31	....	527	13	......
Plainwell	25	224	2	1	9	22	1	5000	1	800	270	....	....	145	3	38	420	48	52	100	15	3	2	17	2	3	105	6	983	45	8
Prairieville	6	138	1	..	2	20	2	2800	1	400	125	..	40	25	3	17	185	60	....	60	15	3	2	13	7	5	89	....	689	30	......
Portage	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	......	..	.....	.....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	......	....	......
Richland	4	65	..	2	..	15	1	5400	1	450	.....	200	2000	85	1	10	50	20	3	23	4	1	1	4	7	1	....	....	595	10	......
Saugatuck	13	70	1	..	..	....	1	1500	..	.....	85	....	....	100	1	15	70	6	2	8	1	1	..	1	....	..	....	....	644	4	8
Schoolcraft	4	97	..	2	1	....	1	4000	1	1500	42	....	...	120	2	22	140	50	15	65	6	1	1	5	7	1	58	....	760	24	......
South Haven	12	289	..	7	6	16	2	5000	1	1000	210	....	145	200	2	27	250	63	37	100	8	1	2	8	6	2	60	....	1037	36	......
Springbrook	4	72	1	2	2	3	1	2500	1	550	60	....	...	35	3	34	123	17	13	30	1	1	..	1	1	1	30	....	602	12	......
Three Rivers	26	255	..	7	2	4	1	25000	1	3500	110	....	1000	425	1	25	200	108	42	150	5	3	2	5	8	4	154	60	1525	50	......
Vicksburg	2	153	1	1	..	1	2	5000	1	1000	500	...	....	100	2	20	125	15	15	30	1	..	..	....	....	..	40	....	978	12	......

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Allegan	H. S. Bargelt	800	800	....	68	68	12	5	33	10
Augusta	John Berry	600	600	....	51	51	14	7	33	20
Banfield	J. C. Chase	600	520	80	51	47	10	5	27	10
Bloomingdale	Samuel Kitzmiller	700	700	....	60	60	15	13	35	20
Climax	L. W. Calkins	900	850	50	77	77	15	15	55	25
Comstock	W. F. Harding	400	400	....	36	25	6	2	15	12
Cooper	Arthur Trott	600	535	65	51	46	10	3	20	3
Douglass	J. W. McDougall	175	175	....	26	26	4	4	7	7
Fennville	H. C. Dunsmore	500	427	73	42	35	4	....	10	4
Galesburg	W. A. Bass	750	750	....	64	64	14	11	46	34
Ganges	R. N. Middleton	600	550	50	51	43	8	3	20	18
Goblesville	W. W. Allen	350	350	....	17	17	2	2	4	4
Kalamazoo, First Church	Levi Master	1800	1800	....	180	180	45	45	180	180
Kalamazoo, Simpson Church	E. T. Lumber	950	950	....	80	80	12	12	20	20
Kendall	R. W. Tindall	450	305	145	38	25	5	2	10	7
Lacota	Richard Shire	600	525	75	51	51	12	8	30	15
Martin	S. D. McKee	800	800	....	60	60	12	2	55	20
Mendon	E. V. Armstrong	900	900	....	76	76	15	10	55	40
Mill Grove	S. George	335	335	....	12	12	3	3	5	3
Monteray	I. W. Wallace	475	354	121	40	28	8	4	15	6
Nottawa and Bradley Indian Mission	John M. Walker	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Oshtemo	A. E. Hawley	500	455	45	42	31	9	3	15	19
Otsego	G. B. Kulp	1000	1000	....	85	85	18	18	70	70
Parkville	J. C. Cook	550	479	71	48	44	12	4	26	13
Plainwell	J. W. Rawlinson	900	900	....	68	68	15	15	45	45
Prairieville	O. H. Perry	650	625	25	55	52	12	12	30	30
Richland	W. T. Cook	....	544	....	46	46	5	5	10	10
Saugatuck	J. S. Ward	600	600	....	42	42	7	2	15	4
Schoolcraft	Joshua White	600	706	....	51	51	11	3	40	24
South Haven	A. T. Ferguson	950	950	....	80	80	17	7	55	36
Springbrook	W. W. Divine	555	555	....	44	44	6	3	15	12
Three Rivers	J. A. Sprague	1300	1400	....	100	100	25	25	85	50
Vicksburg	W. P. French	900	900	....	76	76	14	2	45	12
Waukeshma	Geo. Donaldson	625	775	....	53	54	10	10	25	31
TOTAL		22415	22515	800	1921	1844	387	265	1151	814

STATISTICS OF LANSING DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Ch's & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses—Sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For SundaySchool Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Alma	32	150	2	1	..	1	2	$ 4300	..	......	$ 125	....	$ 250	150	2	27	231	34	6	40	2	..	..	10	....	1	....	30	530	22	2
Bath	34	164	..	3	..	5	2	3500	1	$ 800	150	....	.....	100	2	28	127	47	14	61	4	1	1	5	7	3	23	10	714	25	....
Breckenridge	20	91	..	1	3	12	2	2400	1	600	15	....	.....	43	2	24	195	26	12	38	2	1	1	8	1	1	....	....	434	24	34
Charlotte	31	306	2	7	..	20	1	6500	1	1500	30	....	.....	340	1	32	240	86	63	149	4	2	3	4	8	2	88	26	1323	100	....
De Witt	5	102	1	2	..	2	3	5000	1	800	1048	479	800	60	4	37	210	21	11	32	3	2	1	2	6	1	24	....	639	35	....
Eagle	2	63	1	..	2	5	1	2000	1	1000	3	48	300	100	2	12	150	24	18	42	2	1	1	3	3	1	....	1	643	20	....
Eaton Circuit	22	128	1	..	..	1	2	3000	..	......	.....	....	.....	50	3	33	180	25	5	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	431	5	....
Eaton Rapids	7	379	1	1	..	4	1	15000	1	1000	20	....	.....	263	1	26	215	85	45	130	4	3	2	4	7	2	58	5	1380	51	....
Elm Hall	16	49	1	1	3	5	1	200	..	......	.....	....	250	10	1	6	35	5	....	5	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	280	2	....
Elsie	28	267	2	3	4	16	3	7200	1	1200	1140	610	430	157	4	49	350	86	20	106	14	3	2	10	7	4	96	12	917	50	5
Fowler	22	36	..	2	2	10	1	1200	..	......	4	....	.....	17	2	13	119	8	....	8	1	..	1	1	....	..	20	....	300	5	20
Grand Ledge	3	65	2	1	..	5	1	5000	1	1150	25	97	400	90	1	12	100	11	4	15	1	..	..	1	....	..	26	....	676	8	....
Gresham	30	95	2	..	3	5	2	5200	1	1000	900	....	150	60	2	22	200	24	2	26	4	1	1	3	2	1	14	....	547	16	....
Ithaca	6	144	1	2	..	6	2	3900	1	800	55	290	235	75	1	14	130	45	5	50	4	1	1	2	7	1	43	....	861	23	....
Lansing Central	28	413	.5	3	2	12	1	32000	1	3000	20000	....	15000	650	1	36	375	108	117	221	30	6	3	32	10	10	70	122	1657	122	....
Lansing First Church	4	90	..	..	1	2	1	5000	1	2000	250	....	.....	150	1	23	140	15	15	30	5	2	1	5	10	2	31	....	896	15	....
Maple Rapids and Greenbush	12	200	1	4	4	15	2	3500	1	1500	70	270	170	140	3	33	200	74	14	88	7	1	1	5	4	1	40	....	987	44	3
Mason	44	302	..	6	3	1	1	6000	1	1500	40	....	.....	180	3	48	413	145	42	185	26	3	2	28	6	4	70	....	1369	56	23
Nashville	2	126	1	2	1	3	2	6000	..	......	41	16	132	113	2	31	217	59	6	65	6	..	..	3	6	..	....	...	636	10	....
Okemos	16	140	2	1	2	1	2	3500	1	800	146	....	.....	66	6	65	430	40	20	60	5	1	1	16	5	2	39	....	630	21	....
Ovid	8	250	1	3	..	7	1	4500	1	1500	342	....	.....	181	1	22	230	80	50	130	23	4	3	19	10	6	63	30	1258	85	....
Potterville	9	142	1	2	1	9	2	7500	1	1300	112	....	.....	150	2	35	200	55	5	60	5	1	1	5	7	1	....	....	959	40	....
St. Johns	7	245	1	3	..	7	1	5000	1	2500	125	100	.....	200	..	26	231	71	42	113	7	4	3	10	8	5	14	50	1132	50	5
St. Louis	11	105	..	3	..	....	1	3200	1	800	184	....	77	86	1	22	195	26	9	35	2	1	1	3	4	1	20	....	656	17	....
Shepardsville	4	127	1	1	..	....	2	4000	1	600	13	....	.....	60	1	12	74	44	15	59	4	1	1	4	3	1	110	8	619	18	2
Sickles and Ashley	10	70	2	1	5	5	1	1800	..	......	.....	....	.....	....	4	28	229	4	2	6	2	..	1	2	1	1	....	....	413	8	....
Vermontville	9	203	2	1	..	13	2	6000	1	1000	1900	....	.....	150	2	19	163	43	18	61	2	1	1	4	2	1	....	....	869	40	....
Wacousta and Delta	6	101	..	4	..	9	3	5500	..	......	225	50	.....	40	1	18	110	13	....	13	2	..	1	....	....	1	....	....	490	8	....
Winfield	5	143	1	3	..	....	3	5000	1	800	20	....	100	123	3	32	112	36	10	46	6	3	2	4	7	3	74	....	540	25	....
TOTAL	433	4696	34	62	36	181	49	162900	22	27150	26783	1960	18294	3904	59	785	5801	1338	571	1909	78	44	37	194	132	57	924	295	2286	995	94

STATISTICS FOR LANSING DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonage.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonage.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Alma	I. W. Peach	650	475	175	50	50	10	5	40	22
Bath	W. A. Taylor	615	658	....	48	48	11	8	39	25
Breckenbridge	A. O. Carman	400	400	....	42	32	6	2	24	24
Charlotte	C. L. Barnhart	1200	1200	....	100	100	23	23	82	100
DeWitt	D. M. Ward	637	593	44	42	42	9	4	35	35
Eagle	A. W. Burns	610	610	....	31	31	6	2	25	20
Eaton Circuit	J. H. Schweinfurth	400	400	....	30	30	10	1	29	5
Eaton Rapids	D. Engle	1250	1250	....	106	106	31	24	98	51
Elm Hall	H. W. Hewes	400	254	146	26	26	3	....	18	2
Elsie	G. L. Mount	825	825	....	81	81	19	11	63	50
Fowler	J. R. Bowen	450	275	175	24	24	3	1	15	5
Grand Ledge	J. B. Tallman	736	637	99	41	36	6	3	20	8
Gresham	Thomas Young	500	500	....	42	42	7	5	29	16
Ithaca	C. A. Jacokes	800	800	....	54	54	....	7	....	23
Lansing Central	M. M. Callen	1500	1500	....	130	130	31	27	115	122
Lansing First Church	W. M. Colby	850	850	....	42	42	9	4	27	15
Maple Rapids and Greenbush	E. S. McGregor	875	900	....	74	74	13	13	54	44
Mason	L. DeLaMarter	1260	1260	....	86	86	25	23	91	56
Nashville	E. A. Tanner	675	581	94	52	52	12	3	43	10
Okemos	A. H. Sturgis	575	575	....	52	52	13	3	45	21
Ovid	P. J. Maveety	1150	1150	....	88	88	20	20	74	85
Potterville	Thomas Riley	900	900	....	54	54	....	5	....	40
St. Johns	A. D. Newton	1050	1050	....	75	75	20	7	70	50
St. Louis	A. F. Hart	700	600	100	52	52	10	4	37	17
Shepardsville	D. W. Fow	675	574	108	48	41	10	4	30	18
Sickles and Ashley	J. W. McAllister	500	374	126	38	38	....	1	....	8
Vermontville	J. H. Thomas	800	800	....	64	64	16	5	50	40
Wacousta and Delta	W. Chatfield	540	450	90	44	40	10	....	35	8
Winfield	Robert Bramfit	625	493	132	44	44	13	3	47	25
TOTAL		22148	20934	1282	1650	1634	346	218	1255	945

STATISTICS OF NILES DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Ch's & Pars'g's.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses—Sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For SundaySchool Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Bangor	7	82	..	1	1	4	1	$ 2000	1	$ 900	135	140	84	86	1	14	137	20	5	25	3	1	1	2	2	1	15	....	647	13	27
Benton Harbor	11	262	1	4	5	8	1	12000	..	......	400	760	....	250	1	25	263	24	41	65	10	2	2	10	....	4	39	....	1135	30	35
Berrien Springs	2	113	..	1	..	1	2	3500	1	1000	160	....	....	100	3	38	175	22	31	53	5	2	1	8	10	2	50	....	715	28	......
Breedsville	....	16	..	..	..	....	1	1200	..	......	15	15	....	35	..	....	....	....	6	6	1	..	..	....	1	..	....	....	168	4	1
Buchanan	10	180	..	2	1	15	1	3000	1	1200	55	35	....	110	1	20	140	10	55	65	10	2	1	12	12	2	55	....	923	25	......
Cassopolis	10	147	1	2	..	9	2	8000	1	1500	150	....	....	90	3	32	210	25	12	37	4	1	1	3	3	2	....	....	856	18	......
Coloma and Watervliet	14	116	..	1	3	4	2	4500	1	1500	50	200	....	175	3	32	230	25	5	30	10	1	1	10	2	2	28	....	681	10	......
Decatur	16	173	..	3	..	2	2	6000	1	1000	300	....	663	100	3	33	215	25	5	30	3	2	1	2	5	2	35	....	764	25	......
Dowagiac	4	209	..	2	1	13	1	4500	..	......	50	....	....	120	1	18	140	61	26	87	12	2	2	12	7	2	43	....	994	32	......
Eau Claire and Pipestone	4	75	1	2	..	1	3	2500	..	......	30	....	350	70	1	10	60	20	....	20	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	548	5	......
Edwardsburg	13	117	..	2	1	6	2	2200	1	1000	180	....	....	100	2	33	144	30	35	65	12	2	2	13	5	2	9	....	681	30	......
Galien and Dayton	5	77	1	2	1	1	3	4000	1	300	52	....	250	75	4	30	208	11	10	21	3	2	1	3	2	1	....	....	592	5	......
Hartford	19	83	..	2	4	6	1	3000	..	......	10	....	....	100	1	11	80	10	....	10	2	..	1	2	1	..	....	....	666	6	......
Keeler and Silver Creek	1	83	..	1	2	1	3	6000	1	600	500	....	200	75	3	25	95	15	7	22	2	1	1	1	6	..	....	....	705	9	......
Lawrence	6	100	1	..	1	19	1	4000	1	400	1200	....	500	75	1	15	112	12	....	12	3	..	..	1	4	..	....	....	698	14	......
Lawton	....	101	..	1	4	4	1	2000	1	800	164	....	....	75	2	24	105	28	....	28	....	..	..	....	5	..	....	....	751	18	6
Marcellus	4	176	1	1	4	8	2	2500	1	1000	1200	87	....	150	3	28	200	34	6	40	10	2	1	10	6	1	14	....	813	30	......
Mattawan	....	100	1	1	..	....	3	5000	1	300	....	....	....	50	2	25	115	6	12	18	....	..	..	....	9	..	....	....	473	5	......
New Buffalo and Three Oaks	7	122	2	2	..	1	4	7500	1	300	110	....	....	100	4	43	197	20	12	32	4	..	..	3	5	..	....	....	638	5	......
Niles	9	252	1	3	3	5	2	12000	1	3000	....	255	1085	320	1	40	334	26	174	200	25	4	4	37	10	5	95	....	1328	86	......
Paw Paw	14	108	1	4	..	....	1	8000	1	800	50	....	....	150	1	16	110	31	14	45	4	1	1	2	6	1	31	....	879	25	80
Pokagon	4	188	1	6	3	1	5	5800	1	400	125	30	....	240	5	43	260	62	38	100	3	1	1	2	1	1	28	25	833	25	......
St. Joseph	11	265	1	..	4	6	1	15000	1	3500	350	....	....	414	1	29	350	164	76	240	50	6	3	50	13	9	61	....	1362	100	......
Stevensville	10	137	1	2	..	12	3	4200	1	500	1500	100	300	80	4	40	250	25	....	25	5	..	..	2	....	..	....	....	648	15	20
Vandalia and Mottville	1	117	..	1	..	....	5	12000	1	500	10	40	686	50	4	40	200	2	....	2	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	531	3	......
TOTAL	182	3399	14	46	38	127	53	140400	20	20500	6796	1662	4118	3190	55	664	4330	708	570	1278	181	32	25	185	115	37	503	225	19029	566	169

STATISTICS FOR NILES DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1889

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Bangor	W. H. Parsons	600	600	....	50	44	10	8	30	13
Benton Harbor	E. B. Patterson	1000	1050	....	75	75	10	10	30	30
Berrien Springs	G. W. Gosling	700	646	54	60	60	10	9	30	28
Breedsville	S. Trewin	275	145	145	30	23	3	....	5	4
Buchanan	S. L. Hamilton	850	850	....	66	66	7	7	25	25
Cassopolis	I. Wilson	775	800	....	50	50	10	6	30	18
Coloma and Watervliet	G. A. Buell	700	640	60	....	37	....	4	....	10
Decatur	W. W. Lamport	700	702	....	60	60	9	2	25	25
Dowagiac	C. G. Thomas	920	920	....	66	66	10	8	36	32
Eau Claire and Pipestone	W. J. Wilson	500	500	....	48	48	8	....	25	5
Edwardsburg	H. C. Chamberlin	600	600	....	74	71	10	10	30	30
Galien and Dayton	F. H. Nix	586	548	38	40	40	8	4	20	5
Hartford	W. Prouty	800	626	174	50	38	....	2	....	6
Keeler and Silver Creek	O. T. Hutchinson	650	650	....	60	54	10	1	25	9
Lawrence	W. N. Younglove	650	650	....	46	46	....	2	....	14
Lawton	E. H. Day	675	700	....	50	50	8	1	20	18
Marcellus	W. R. Stinchcomb	800	750	50	58	58	10	5	30	30
Mattawan	S. S. Slyter	500	445	55	40	25	3	3	20	6
New Buffalo and Three Oaks	Uri Mason	700	580	120	56	56	6	2	8	5
Niles	George L. Haight	1200	1200	....	108	108	20	20	70	85
Paw Paw	W. J. Hathaway	800	800	....	75	75	12	4	40	25
Pokagon	E. Tench	750	750	....	75	75	18	8	60	25
St. Joseph	J. W. H. Carlisle	1230	1230	....	120	120	12	12	90	100
Stevensville	J. E. Arney	600	600	....	48	48	....	2	15	15
Vandalia and Mottville	C. S. Fox	600	500	100	40	31	....	....	....	8
TOTAL		18161	17480	796	1436	1424	194	125	664	566

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support.		
																		For Missions.													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses—Sexton, light, fuel, etc.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Albion	396	4637	27	63	58	272	34	230500	17	19150	29816	255	14316	5038	54	709	5428	1333	767	2100	312	66	48	307	193	101	1045	268	21209	999	399
Coldwater	710	4434	24	61	43	485	40	149600	19	26100	4212	418	1921	3951	56	745	4760	1416	348	1764	230	53	32	222	147	80	742	267	20411	700	1050
Kalamazoo	473	5028	21	72	54	299	48	206630	26	26000	10951	2300	6457	4400	65	787	5445	1228	849	2077	258	53	42	229	180	75	1229	517	24624	814	309
Niles	182	3399	14	46	38	127	53	140400	20	20500	6797	1632	4118	3190	55	664	4330	708	570	1278	181	32	25	185	115	37	803	25	19029	566	59
Grand Rapids	478	4368	18	47	126	339	48	245500	23	28700	8546	678	3435	5448	69	880	6622	1101	804	1905	282	46	28	272	166	73	885	306	24229	798	465
Ionia	400	3438	30	39	53	186	46	171625	20	21970	19407	1456	7695	3375	52	677	4514	716	381	1047	168	30	20	161	120	42	515	213	18410	565	75
Lansing	433	4696	34	61	36	181	49	162900	22	27150	26983	1960	18294	3804	60	785	5801	1338	571	1909	188	44	37	186	132	57	924	295	22786	945	94
Big Rapids	657	3826	26	67	162	250	60	137250	30	26680	13751	3923	11397	2863	88	820	6383	634	492	1126	198	30	29	166	87	48	1440	135	25023	488	399
Grand Traverse	553	3229	41	59	136	347	41	73910	27	16655	11165	2548	9547	2293	79	694	4247	444	109	553	87	21	11	65	68	35	271	9	17950	299	887
Grand Total	4282	37555	235	706	706	2486	419	1518315	204	212905	131628	15170	76280	34362	578	6761	47530	8878	4891	13769	1914	375	272	1793	1208	448	7854	2035	193671	6174	3737
Last Year	4182	35512	258	566	653	2106	396	1456111	197	201880	94378	14296	37615	32087	569	6637	43626	8507	3790	12297	1667	352	255	1442	1216	440	5501	1968	187060	5757	4591
Increase	100	2003	...	140	53	380	23	62204	7	11025	37250	874	38665	2275	9	124	3904	371	1101	1472	247	23	17	351	....	8	2353	67	6611	417	....
Decrease	....	.....	23	...	...	....	...	....	...	......	......	.....	.....	......	...	....	.....	....	....	.....	....	....	...	....	8	...	....	....	....	....	854

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	NAMES OF PRESIDING ELDERS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Albion	I. R. A. Wightman	19904	19500	304	1435	1435	311	274	950	700
Coldwater	N. L. Bray	18308	18850	383	1354	1401	271	160	897	699
Kalamazoo	D. F. Barnes	22415	22515	800	1921	1844	387	265	1151	814
Niles	W. I. Cogshall	18161	17480	796	1436	1424	194	125	664	566
Grand Rapids	J. I. Buell	23495	22232	1317	1810	1776	270	221	908	798
Ionia	A. P. Moors	17990	17004	1012	1389	1270	257	136	659	565
Lansing	W. H. Thompson	22148	20934	1282	1650	1634	346	218	1255	945
Big Rapids	D. W. Parsons	25265	23229	1967	1785	1669	182	125	693	488
Grand Traverse	G. W. Sherman	17042	16751	1709	1189	1131	91	68	279	299
Grand Total		184628	178495	9570	13969	13584	2309	1592	7456	6174
Last Year		182906	172561	10333	13341	13122	1903	1377	6770	5757
Increase		1722	5934		628	472	406	215	686	417
Decrease				763						

Sessions of the Michigan Annual Conference.

From its Organization up to the Present Time.

TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
September 7, 1836	Mansfield, Ohio	J. Soule	H. O. Sheldon
September 6, 1837	Detroit, Mich	R. R. Roberts	Edward Thompson
September 5, 1838	Tiffin, Ohio	Beverley Waugh	Edward Thompson
September 4, 1839	Ann Arbor, Mich	J. Soule	Edward Thompson
August 19, 1840	Marshall, Mich	E. Hedding	H. Colclazer
September 15, 1841	White Pigeon, Mich	R. R. Roberts	H. Colclazer
August 17, 1842	Adrian, Mich	T. A. Morris	H. Colclazer
August 16, 1843	Ann Arbor, Mich	J. Soule	J. S. Harrison
October 2, 1844	Coldwater, Mich	L. L. Hamlin	H. Colclazer
September 10, 1845	Detroit, Mich	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer
September 23, 1846	Marshall, Mich	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer
September 15, 1847	Ypsilanti, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher
September 6, 1848	Kalamazoo, Mich	E. S. Janes	E. H. Pilcher
September 5, 1849	Adrian, Mich	L. L. Hamlin	E. H. Pilcher
September 4, 1850	Albion, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher
September 3, 1851	Monroe, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher
September 15, 1852	Niles, Mich	Levi Scott	E. H. Pilcher
September 14, 1853	Detroit, Mich	Beverly Waugh	E. H. Pilcher
September 13, 1854	Ann Arbor, Mich	O. C. Baker	T. C. Gardner
September 5, 1855	Flint, Mich	E. R. Ames	T. C. Gardner
October 1, 1856	Coldwater, Mich	T. A. Morris	R. C. Crawford
September 16, 1857	Lansing, Mich	Beverly Waugh	R. C. Crawford
September 15, 1858	Kalamazoo, Mich	E. R. Ames	R. C. Crawford
September 14, 1859	Marshall, Mich	E. S. Janes	R. C. Crawford
September 27, 1860	Ionia, Mich	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex
October 2, 1861	Battle Creek, Mich	E. R. Ames	T. H. Sinex
October 1, 1862	Grand Rapids, Mich	L. Scott	T. H. Sinex
September 23, 1863	Jackson, Mich	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex
September 28, 1864	Niles, Mich	O. C. Baker	J. W. Robinson
September 13, 1865	Albion, Mich	E. R. Ames	L. R. Flske
September 6, 1866	Hillsdale, Mich	M. Simpson	A. A. Dunton
September 11, 1867	Lansing, Mich	D. W. Clark	M. B. Camburn
September 3, 1868	Three Rivers, Mich	E. R. Ames	M. B. Camburn
September 15, 1869	Grand Rapids, Mich	L. Scott	M. B. Camburn
August 31, 1870	Coldwater, Mich	D. W. Clark	M. B. Camburn
September 13, 1871	St. Joseph, Mich	E. S. Janes	M. B. Camburn
September 18, 1872	Jackson, Mich	E. R. Ames	J. I. Buel
September 10, 1873	Ionia, Mich	I. W. Wiley	J. I. Buel
September 9, 1874	Kalamazoo, Mich	M. Simpson	G. B. Jocelyn
September 8, 1875	Battle Creek, Mich	L. Scott	G. B. Jocelyn
September 13, 1876	Niles, Mich	G. Haven	G. B. Jocelyn
September 5, 1877	Grand Rapids, Mich	S. M. Merrill	A. R. Boggs
September 4, 1878	Three Rivers, Mich	J. T. Peck	A. R. Boggs
September 10, 1879	Ionia, Mich	R. S. Foster	H. M. Joy
September 15, 1880	Muskegon, Mich	T. Bowman	H. M. Joy
August 31, 1881	Jackson, Mich	R. S. Foster	H. M. Joy
September 6, 1882	Coldwater, Mich	E. G. Andrews	W. I. Cogshall
September 5, 1883	Albion, Mich	W. L. Harris	W. I. Cogshall
September 10, 1884	Lansing, Mich	W. X. Ninde	W. I. Cogshall
September 24, 1885	Grand Rapids, Mich	H. W. Warren	W. I. Cogshall
September 15, 1886	Kalamazoo, Mich	J. F. Hurst	W. I. Cogshall
September 7, 1887	Bay View, Mich	W. X. Ninde	I. R. A. Wightman
September 5, 1888	St. Joseph, Mich	S. M. Merrill	James W. Reid
September 11, 1889	Greenville, Mich	Cyrus D. Foss	James W. Reid

ERRATA.—Under Question No. 12, "Who are traveling Deacons of the first class?" insert Albert C. Jones, by direction of Bishop, dated September 28th, 1889.

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*Aldrich, William J	Brunswick, Ohio	June	7	1836	Michigan	1865	1867	Muskegon
Aler, Levi	Adamsville, Ohio	March	18	1852	Michigan	1887	1889	Hersey
Allen, James	Toronto, Canada	May	1	1844	Primitive Methodist	1865	1887	Sherman
Armstrong, Edmund V	Albany, New York,	Feb	3	1837	Michigan	1876	1876	Kalamazoo
Arney, James E	Fabius, Michigan	Jan	16	1857	Michigan	1887	1889	Vandalia
Arney, John W	Fabius, Mich	Jan	30	1855	Michigan	1880	1880	Saranac
*Bacon, Elisha D .... A	Connesus, New York	April	28	1830	Michigan	1863	1863	Grandville
*Ball, David O	Courtland Co., New York	May	11	1882	Detroit	1864	1873	Charlevoix
*Bangs, Frank B .... A	Stanford, New York	March	23	1819	Michigan	1840	1840	Eaton Rapids
Bargelt, Henry S	Middleton, Pennsylvania	April	7	1849	Upper Iowa	1871	1882	Allegan
*Barnes, Doctor F	Vergennes, Vermont	Nov	22	1833	Northwest Indiana	1858	1866	Kalamazoo
*Barnes, Geo. S	Charlotte, Vermont	May	24	1829	New Hampshire	1857	1867	Harbor Springs
*Barnhart, Clinton L	Chautauqua, New York	Sept	1	1842	Erie	1865	1871	Charlotte
*Barrett, Wright	Providence, New York	March	28	1830	Michigan	1868	1870	Kalamazoo
Bass, William A	Edwardsburg, Canada	April	19	1847	Bay Quinta, Canada	1877	1884	Galesburg
Beach, Asahel C .... A	Hamilton, New York	May	1	1822	Michigan	1854	1857	Pierson
*Beach, John C	Oronoko, Mich	April	6	1854	Michigan	1881	1885	Luther
*Bennett, Isaac .... A	Jefferson Co., Ohio	April	22	1810	Michigan	1836	1836	Quincy
*Bennett, Lorin M .... A	Cherry Valley, New York	July	29	1828	Michigan	1853	1857	Ann Arbor
Bennett, John H	Gloustershire, England	Feb	28	1857	London	1878	1888	Caledonia
*Berry, James	Brampton, Canada	Nov	26	1849	Michigan	1877	1879	Augusta
*Bowen, James R	Nunda, New York	April	21	1834	Michigan	1881	1838	Fowler
*Bray, Nicholas L	Cornwall, England	June	28	1844	Michigan	1870	1870	Coldwater
Bramfitt, Robert	Lumley, England	March	10	1852	Newfoundland	1875	1887	Lawrence
*Bready, Robert H .... N	Albion, Canada	Nov	30	1845		1874	1875	Los Angeles, Cal
*Brockway, Nelson L .... A	Dansville, New York	July	27	1828	Michigan	1854	1856	Agnew
*Brockway, William H	Morriston, Vermont	Feb	24	1813	Ohio	1833	1836	Albion
*Buell, James I	New Haven, New York	Jan	4	1831	Michigan	1856	1859	Grand Rapids
*Buell, George A	Kalamazoo, Mich	May	27	1848	Michigan	1877	1877	Shelby
Buell, John W	Kalamazoo, Mich	May	13	1851	Michigan	1879	1881	Byron Center
*Bullen, George	St. Austle, England	Nov	17	1848	New Foundland	1875	1889	Shepardsville
*Burns, Andrew W	Eckmonsville, Ohio	March	29	1848	Ev. Lutheran Church	1876	1883	Eagle

*Bushee, Albert W	Lester, New York	April	21	1842	Michigan	1883	1887	Traverse City
*Buttleman, J. H								Buchanan
*Calkins, Levi W	Alaiedon, Mich	Sept.	1	1839	Michigan	1865	1865	Climax
Callen, Marshal M	Knox County, Tennessee	May	16	1849	Michigan	1876	1876	Lansing
*Carlisle, John W. H	Milford, Delaware	Dec	14	1838	Michigan	1870	1872	St. Joseph
*Carrel, Morton D	Royalton, Ohio	Feb	12	1849	Michigan	1872	1872	Niles
Cawthorne, John W A	Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng	Dec	17	1822	Canada (Wesleyan)	1844	1852	Millbrook
Chamberlain, Howard C	Brownstown, Mich	March	15	1858	Michigan	1885	1885	Mosherville
Chase, Granger D	Bainbridge, Ohio	June	20	1864	Michigan	1887	1889	Whitehall
*Chase, John C	China, New York	Aug	28	1856	Michigan	1886	1888	Banfield
*Chick, Charles A	Goudhurst, England	Jan	20	1833	Michigan	1858	1858	Whitehall
Clancy, Judson V	Camden, Canada	Oct	24	1860	Michigan	1883	1883	Boston, 72 McVernon
*Clark, Thomas T A	Freehold, New Jersey	Oct	15	1815	Genesee	1847	1850	Grand Rapids, 759S. Division
*Clubine, John	West Moreland Co., Pennsylvania	Sept.	14	1828	Michigan	1855	1857	Marengo
*Cogshall, Wilbur I	Concord, Mich	Feb	13	1850	Michigan	1871	1871	Kalamazoo
*Colby, W. M	Sodus, New York	Sept.	27	1836	Michigan	1861	1863	North Lansing
Cook, Joseph C	Kingston, Canada	May	7	1862	Michigan	1887	1889	Parkville
Cook, William T	Kingston, Ontario	April	6	1861	Northwest Iowa	1885	1888	Saugatuck
*Cooley, Elias A	Niagara Co., New York	April	13	1821	Michigan	1866	1866	Marshall
Cox, Thomas	Cornwall, England	Dec	10	1856	Michigan	1884	1884	Concord
*Crawford, Riley C A	Richmond, New York	Jan	27	1817	Michigan	1841	1844	Grand Rapids
Craig, A. E								Evanston, Ill
*Cronk, Delos N	Victor, New York	March	26	1843	Troy	1873	1883	Middleville
Crozier, James G	Cartwright, Canada	Aug	5	1851	Montreal	1872	1886	Union City
*Daniels, Grosvenor A	Birmingham, Mich	Nov	2	1850	Michigan	1878	1880	Homer
*Day, Eri H	Springwater, New York	June	15	1818	Michigan	1845	1845	Lawton
Dayton, James N	Harpers Field, New York	May	1	1828	Michigan	1859	1861	Ada
*DeLaMarter, Louis	Brighton, Mich	Aug	16	1856	Michigan	1880	1882	Eaton Rapids
*Denman, William	South Wales, England	Sept	13	1854	Michigan	1885	1885	Grand Rapids
Dobson, John								Greenville
Donaldson, George	County Tyrone, Ireland	June	24	1836	Irish Wesleyan	1860	1874	Fulton
Douglass, William J	Decatur, Mich	Sept.	24	1861	Michigan	1885	1887	Morley
*Draper, Gilbert C	Hudson, Ohio	March	28	1839	Michigan	1866	1866	Hillsdale
*Draper, James N	East Guellainburg, Canada	Aug	7	1831	Niagara	1859	1871	Dunseito, Dakota
Dunton, Alfred A A	Georgia, Vermont	Feb	8	1825	Michigan	1851	1853	Shacklefords, Virginia
Durham, J. P							1889	Girard
Eagle, Irving	Reedsburg, Ohio	Dec	30	1857	Michigan	1883	1889	Northport
*Earle, Lewis W	Wadsworth, Ohio	Nov	23	1825	Northwest Indiana	1855	1857	Burlington
*Edmonds, Lewis M	Greene Corners, New York	Feb	6	1832	Genesee	1856	1857	Bellevue
*Eldred, Andrew J	Catskill, New York	March	20	1826	Michigan	1846	1846	Elk Rapids
Eldred, Albert N	Richmond, New York	March	26	1848	Free Will Baptist Church	1875	1877	Sonoma
*Elliot, George C A	Florida, New York	May	23	1815	Oneida	1843	1868	Dowagiac
*Engle, David	Lancaster, Ohio	Aug	11	1832	Michigan	1859	1861	Potoskey

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*Ferguson, Andrew T.	Melrose, Canada	May	29	1850	Ontario	1871	1884	South Haven
*Fisher, Charles H A	Columbus County, Penn	Jan.	7	1830	Michigan	1860	1862	Marcellus, Mich
Floody, Robert J	Durham, Canada	Sept.	1	1859	Michigan	1885	1885	Albion
*Floyd, John C.	Butler, Mich	July	2	1852	Michigan	1876	1876	Albion
Fow, Daniel W	Philadelphia, Pa.	Nov	10	1848	Michigan	1882	1885	Winfield
Fox, Charles S.	Kingsville, Ohio	Dec.	15	1829	East Genesee,	1858	1865	Mottville
Freeman, Fred J	Sutton, Massachusets	Aug.	12	1837	Michigan	1858	1865	Lyons
French, William P.	Smithville, Canada	Nov.	9	1849	Ontario	1876	1881	Mendon
*Frye, William A.	Hartford, Ohio	Nov.	27	1858	Michigan	1884	1886	Spring Lake
*Garlick, Latham M.	Plattsburg, New York	March.	19	1838	Michigan	1860	1865	Hubbardston
*George, Thomas T.	Upper Buddington, Eng	April	17	1830	Michigan	1857	1857	Middleville
Gillet, August H.	Dexter, Mich	Oct	8	1848	Michigan	1871	1871	Wyoming, Ohio
*Glass, Francis A	Crive, Ireland	April	25	1812	English	1840	1846	Grand Rapids
Golden, Owen J	Virgil, New York	Sept.	4	1847	Michigan	1875	1878	Palo
Gosling, George W	Pontiac, Mich	Nov	6	1837	California	1863	1867	Berrien Springs
*Gould, Amos M.	Moscow, Mich	Dec.	29	1845	Rock River	1873	1875	Ionia
Gardner, Washington							1889	Albion
*Graham, John	Sterling, Scotland	Dec.	4	1835	Michigan	1869	1869	Grand Rapids
*Greene, David A.								LeRoy
Griffith, A. M.	Springport, Mich	Feb	8	1858	Michigan	1881	1883	Evanston, Ill
Grosenbaugh, Louis.	Stark County, Ohio	Dec.	14	1850	Reformed Church in U. S.	1875	1884	Greenville
*Gulick, Jehiel	Trenton, New Jersey	June	1	1837	Michigan	1862	1862	East Jordan
*Griffin, Lewis J A	Ritchfield, New York	Jan.	15	1828	Michigan	1853	1856	Albion
*Hallenbeck, John W.	Austerlitz, New York	Oct	20	1845	Michigan	1873	1875	Carson City
*Hamilton, James.	Trafalgar, Canada	Feb	17	1843	Michigan	1868	1868	Battle Creek
*Hamilton, Samuel L.	Homer, Mich	July	12	1841	Central Illinois	1860	1870	Dowagiac
*Harder, Jacob S A	Chatham, New York	Aug.	11	1818	Michigan	1851	1854	Nashville
Harding, William F.	Raisin, Mich	May	8	1862	Michigan	1886	1889	Kendall
Hart, Alfred F.	Ransom, Mich	Jan.	12	1857	Michigan	1886	1888	St. Louis
Hartley, John J.	Cliffernia, Ireland	Feb.	10	1851	Michigan	1881	1883	Evanston, Ill
*Hathaway, William J.	Bluffton, Indiana	Aug.	7	1848	Michigan	1877	1879	Paw Paw
Hawley, Harvey R.	Brant County, Canada	Dec.	20	1856	Michigan	1874	1881	Lake View
*Haviland, Daniel L. A	Royalton, New York	Feb.	5	1828	Michigan	1858	1858	Lake View

Hawley, Atwell E		Springfield, Pa	Sept	28	1852	Methodist Protestant	1879	1889	Oshtemo
*Heath, Willard		Stanstead, Canada	March	15	1835	Michigan	1876	1880	Manton
Henderson, Horatio P	N	Jefferson County, New York	Sept	26	1824	Erie	1851	1868	Albion
*Hewitt, Shuball P		Walworth, New York	Jan	16	1828	Michigan	1868	1871	Torch Lake
Hickey, George S		Troy, Michigan	Jan	8	1840	Michigan	1869	1869	Jackson
Hicks, George S	A	Pomfret, Connecticut	Sept	30	1830	Michigan	1869	1869	Russell, Nebraska
Hill, Theodore J	N	Minerva, New York	May	10	1833	Michigan	1855	1857	Boyne City
*Hills, John	A	Ashford, England	Sept	14	1824	Genesee	1856	1870	Ithaca
*Hoag, George W	A	Charlottte, Vermont	May	13	1822	Michigan	1845	1850	Albion
Holding, Carlisle B	N	Eagle Creek, Kentucky	Feb	1	1849	Southern Illinois	1873	1878	Paris, Illinois
*Hollister, George E		Marion, New York	July	22	1833	Michigan	1863	1865	Irving
Hollowell, John W	A	Wheeler, New York	Oct	6	1828	Michigan	1870	1870	Damon
*Hopkins, James H	N	Brook County, Virginia	Oct	18	1834	Iowa	1858	1871	Ypsilanti
*Horner, John W		Yorkshire, England	Aug	6	1834	Michigan	1880	1882	Sparta
*Howe, Charles H	A	Door Village, Indiana	June	1	1838	Michigan	1868	1868	Julian, Dakota
Howe, George W		Elba, New York	April	26	2829	North Indiana	1867	1882	Lake City
*Hoyt, John	A	Cherry Valley, New York	Nov	27	1832	Michigan	1857	1857	Allen
*Hunsberger, Aaron	A	Bayham, Canada	April	11	1824	Niagara	1854	1869	Athens
*Hunsberger, Wesley A		Troy, Canada	June	20	1854	Michigan	1874	1876	Coldwater
Hunt, Hoyt B	N	Hickory Corners, Mich	Dec	20	1851	North Indiana	1881	1884	Kalamazoo
*Iddings, Joseph T		Dayton, Ohio	July	24	1835	North Indiana	1863	1870	Reading
*Jacokes, Thomas H		Geneva, New York	Oct	1	1820	Michigan	1845	1845	Woodland
*Jacokes, Charles A		Lodi, Mich	June	28	1842	Michigan	1970	1873	Ithaca
*Janes, Frederick N		Homer, Mich	Jan	27	1845	Michigan	1873	1875	Battle Creek
Jennings, William		Halestown, England	Nov	20	1851	Newfoundland, Canada	1874	1887	Holland
Johnson, Welcome W	A	Williamstown, Mass	Oct	26	1817			1850	Grand Rapids
Jones, A. C								1889	Vicksburg
*Jordan, Henry D		Gokmanchester, Canada	Feb	24	1831	Michigan	1867	1867	Cedar Springs
*Jones, Charles W		Sherman, Michigan	May	12	1842	Michigan	1880	1882	Casnovia
Judd, William		Warsaw, New York	Sept	27	1843	Michigan	1881	1883	Belding
*Kellogg, Erastus L		Victory, New York	Oct	12	1833	Michigan	1856	1856	Quincy
Ketcham, Abijah E	N	Perne Landing, New York	April	24	1829	Detroit		1868	South Haven
Keillor, Alexander R		Iona, Canada	Feb	9	1854	Michigan	1880	1883	Bowne Center
Kenyon, Luther B		Raisin, Michigan	Jan	16	1863	Michigan	1885	1885	Liberty
*Killean, George		Waterloo, New York	March	8	1851	Michigan	1884	1888	Hart
King, Edwin H		Scipio, New York	Dec	18	1851	Genesee	1876	1883	Grand Rapids
*Kitzmiller, Samuel		Gettysburg, Penn	Nov	16	1832	Detroit	1866	1873	Bloomingdale
Klose, John		Mexico, Penn	April	18	1838	Michigan	1879	1879	Rockford
*Knappen, Ashman A	N	Sudburg, Vermont	Sept	4	1828	Michigan	1868	1868	Albion
Knott, John B	A	Toronto, Canada	July	29	1833	Niagara	1855	1878	Berlin
*Kulp, George B		Philadelphia, Penn	July	23	1845	Michigan	1882	1884	Otsego
Latham, David R	A	Springfield, Vermont	Oct	13	1831	Michigan	1859	1869	Garden City, Kansas
*Lamport, Warren W		Mishawaka, Indiana	Nov	17	1856	Michigan	1877	1879	Decatur
*Lee, George D	A	Naples, New York	April	14	1834	Michigan		1859	Charlotte

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Lenox, Lambert E.	Ontario, Canada	Sept	....	......	Detroit.	1878	1866	Sturgis
Lee, F. C.	Melbourne, Australia	April	11	1855	Protestant Episcopal	1883	1888	Traverse City
*Loomis, Merritt F.	Wyoming, New York	Feb.	6	1854	Michigan	1884	1886	Olivet
Lyon, Thomas. N	Bethel, New York	May	22	1819	....	......	1854	Homer
*Lumber, Edwin T.	Cheddar, England	June	1	1849	Michigan.	1881	1883	Portland
*Luther, Alex. T	....	......	....	......	....	......	......	Lowell
*Marble, Elisha. A	Adams, New York	May	25	1822	Michigan	1857	1869	Harbor Springs.
Marsh, Norman D. N	Union City, Mich	July	31	1836	....	1868	1870	Albion
Martin, Dempster D.	Martinsville, Mich	April	1	1862	Wesleyan Methodist.	1882	1889	Sherwood
*Marzolf, Jacob. N	London, Canada	Nov	2	1838	Evangelical Association	1867	1875	Cato
*Mason, Uri	Genesee, New York	May	4	1832	Michigan	1859	1861	Bangor
*Master, Levi	Waterloo, Canada	Feb	8	1841	Michigan	1870	1870	Niles
Matthews, Gould E. A	Freeport, Ohio	Dec	29	1844	Michigan	1885	1885	Nashville
Matthews, Leander S. N	Wood County, Ohio	Feb.	13	1849	....	1878	1880	....
*Maveety, Patrick J.	Greenough, Ireland	Feb.	8	1855	Michigan	1878	1880	Ovid
Maybee, William J.	Hamilton, Canada	June	10	1851	Ontario, Canada	1878	1886	Ludington
McAllister, James W.	Bethany, Canada	March.	18	1857	Toronto, Canada	1880	1885	Delta
McGregor, Richard S.	Ontario, Canada	Mov.	5	1857	Methodist Protestant.	1879	1886	Maple Rapids
McKee, Samuel D.	Erin, Canada	Sept.	7	1847	Michigan	1877	1879	Martin
*Merritt, Stephen M. N	Western, New York	May	6	1826	East Genesee.	1856	1872	Coldwater
*Middleton, Robert N.	Greentop, Missouri	Nov	14	1856	Michigan	1884	1886	Cannonsburg
*Miller, John W.	Picton, Canada	July	16	1832	Michigan	1861	1865	Big Rapids.
Mills, Burton S. A	Cayuga Co., New York	April	8	1843	Michigan	1868	1868	Fountain
Miner, Milo M.	....	......	....	......	....	......	......	Albion
Montgomery, James S.	Mt. Carmel, Ind	Oct	17	1862	Michigan	1887	1889	Evanston, Ill
Morgan, Harrison. A	Turin, New York	Aug	14	1814	New England	1841	1845	Grand Rapids.
*Moors, Aaron P.	Oxford, Mich	March.	27	1838	Michigan	1862	1864	Ionia
*Mount, George L.	Sharon, Mich	Feb.	23	1843	Michigan	1871	1871	Elsie
Mosher, William P.	Mosherville, Mich	May	20	1856	Miehigan	1882	1882	Parma
Muffit, Willis C.	Reading, Mich	Dec	3	1859	Michigan	1886	1888	Athens.
*Nagler, August F.	Freeport, Mich	Oct	30	1862	Michigan	1886	1888	Howard City
*Newell, Enoch F.	Durham, Maine	Dec	2	1842	Michigan	1879	1879	Farwell
Newton, Albert D.	York, New York	Aug	21	1841	Michigan	1872	1872	Mason

Oden, John R	Montgomery Co., Md	Nov.	1	1836	North Indiano	1862	1873	Coloma
*Oldum, George A	Ontario, Canada	Dec.	7	1862	Michigan	1880	1883	Mt. Pleasant
*Orwick, John F	Mt. Blanchard, Ohio	Aug.	5	1852	Michigan	1877	1882	Centerville
*Paddock, William M	Herkimer, New York	April	9	1826	Black River	1885	1867	Osseo
*Paddock, Oresta S	Boylston, New York	Aug.	31	1849	Michigan	1875	1878	Litchfield
Paddock, Byron E	Porter Township, Mich	Nov.	27	1851	Michigan	1879	1879	Susanville, Cal
*Parsons, Daniel W	Coldwater, Mich	Nov.	18	1842	Michigan	1869	1871	Big Rapids
Parsons, William H	Wixall, England	Nov.	20	1845	Niagara, Canada	1880	1884	Jonesville
Patterson, Edmund B	Batley, England	March	1	1862	Michigan	1883	1885	Benton Harbor
Peach, Isaac W	Liverpool, N. S	March	12	1850	Congregational Church	1880	1887	North Muskegon
*Pengelly, Richard N	Tavistock, England	March.	25	1818	North Ohio	1842	1842	Kalamazoo
Perry, Oliver H	Brooklyn, New York	March.	22	1845	Michigan	1881	1882	Prairieville
*Pietzel, John H A	Frederick Co., Md	April	18	1814	Ohio 1835	1830	1837	Norwalk, Ohio
*Potts, James H	Woodhouse, Canada	June	12	1848	Michigan	1869	1869	Detroit
Potter, Andrew N	Petigo, Ireland	....	....	1842	Michigan	1879	1882	Albion
*Pratt, Byron S A	Lanesborough, Mass	March	13	1837	Michigan	1862	1864	Grand Ledge
*Prouty, William A	Steuben Co., New York	May	6	1839	United Brethren Church	1861	1868	Hartford
Puffer, William M	Sheldon, Vermont	June	12	1860	Michigan	1884	1886	Hastings
Rawlinson, John W	Pitcher, New York	Jan.	22	1838	Oneida	1884	1886	Plainwell
*Reid, John M	New York City	May	30	1820	New York	1844	1868	N. Y. City, 54 E. 126th
Reid, James W	Machias, Maine	April	7	1837	Michigan	1868	1868	Grand Rapids, 98 Turner
*Riehl, Daniel C	St. Louis County, Mo	May	1	1847	Michigan	1876	1878	Reed City
*Riley, Thomas	Ontario, Canada	Aug.	10	1843	Free Methodist	1875	1884	Potterville
*Roberts, James A	Sharon	April	7	1838	Michigan	1863	1865	Fremont
Rolfe, Alvern A A	Alden Village, New York	April	6	1835	Michigan	1852	1863	Los Angeles, Cal
Robinson, George S	Canada	Oct.	24	1858	Prim. Methodist	1878	1886	Mancelona
Rork, William W A	Sheridan, New York	March.	5	1834	Michigan	1861	1861	Agnew
Rowland, William D	Amboy, Mich	May	8	1850	Michigan	1885	1889	Hastings
*Sherman, George W	Greenfield, Ohio	Aug.	13	1834	Michigan	1857	1861	Traverse City
Shier, Richard	Brock Township, Canada	Sept	5	1843	Wesleyan Methodist	1869	1880	Newaygo
Skinner, I. H A	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Long Pine, Nebraska
Smith, Albert	Rosemont, Canada	July	25	1855	M. E. Church of Canada	1875	1887	Ionia
Smith, Burton W N	Wayne County, New York	Dec.	25	1833	West Wisconsin	1859	1862	Bijou Hills, Dakota
*Smith, Calvin W	Pontiac, Mich	Feb.	3	1842	Michigan	1879	1879	Pierson
*Smith, Melancthon W. F	Magnolia, Illinois	June	22	1847	Iowa	1868	1879	Tekonsha
*Sonnema, Chas. S	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Albion
*Sprague, Jonathan A	Hanibal, New York	Jan.	26	1833	Michigan	1867	1859	Three Rivers
*Stark, John K	Mexico, New York	March.	31	1835	Michigan	1869	1871	Cadilac
*Steffe, Jacob W	Mt. Vernon, Ohio	Feb.	25	1855	Michigan	1880	1880	Frankfort
*Steele, Salmon A	Boston, Mass	Nov.	12	1812	New Britain, Conn	1835	1841	Northport
*Steele, Newland M	Hartford, Conn	Feb.	24	1836	Michigan	1857	1869	Harrison
*Stevens, Edward G	Erie City, Penn	Sept.	22	1839	Michigan	1879	1883	Spencer Creek
*Stunchcomb, William R	Bloom Township, Ohio	April	10	1831	Michigan	1872	1872	Marcellus

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		MONTH.	DAY	YEAR.	CONFERENCE OR CHURCH.	YEAR.		
*Strickland, Seneca C	Penfield, New York	Aug.	22	1849	Michigan	1877	1879	North Adams
Sturgis, Arthur H.	Dewitt, Mich	Oct	13	1862	Michigan	1885	1887	Okemos
Slye, W. S. N								Jackson
Swift, William J N	Newport, New York	Oct	2	1832	Michigan	1861	1863	Lansing
Stewart, Arthur K	Wallaceburg, Ontario	Feb.	27	1854	Michigan	1884	1888	Nashville
Taft, Herbert S. N	Kingsville, Ohio	July	27	1840	Methodist Episcopal	1882	1884	TwinBridges, Mad'nCo. Mon
*Tallman, Isaac B.	Toronto, Canada	Nov.	7	1827	Wesleyan	1857	1873	Pokagon
*Tanner, James H.	Henrietta, Mich	May	15	1836	Methodist Protestant	1859	1862	Marshall
Tanner, Edward A	England	Dec.	25	1848	Michigan	4871	1871	Bronson
Tench, Edwin	Birmingham, England	Jan.	28	1850	West Wisconsin	1874	1885	Grand Ledge
Theobald, Charles H	Ansville, New York	June	13	1850	Michigan	4883	1888	Averill
*Tiney, Seward C.	Amboy, Ohio	Nov.	14	1846	Michigan	1885	1885	Stanwood
Tindall, Richard W.	Arkona, Canada	May	23	1849	Primitive Methodist	1880	1887	Lacota
Tindall, Thomas								Cross Village
*Thompson, W. H.	Bollington, England	May	15	1843	Wisconsin	1869	1879	Lansing
Thompson, Fayette L.	Linden, Mich	Feb	12	1862	Michigan	1885	1887	Manistee
*Thomas, Charles G.	Conway Township, Mich	Dec.	15	1843	United Brethren	1868	1870	St. Johns
*Thomas, James H.	Tyrone Township, Mich	Sept.	9	1850	Michigan	1874	1876	Vermontville
Tower, L. L.								Clare
*Treadgold, Elight	Fox Hall, England	May	30	1845	Primitive Methodist, Canada	1867	1870	Pierson
*Tuthill, George W.	Montomery, New York	Sept.	30	1836	Michigan	1859	1859	Hanover
*Valentine, Julius S. A	Lima, Ohio	Aug.	11	1839	Michigan	1868	1871	Lansing
*VanAntwerp, Charles T A	Milton, New York	Feb.	22	1834	Michigan	1859	1863	Lake View
*Van DeWalker, Freeman A.	Western, New York	July	6	1854	Michigan	1881	1883	Danby
*VanHorn, George A.	Stillwater, New York	Aug.	5	1815	Newark	1856	1858	Plainwell
Varion, George	Counkilla, Ireland	Nov.	25	1843	Michigan	1879	1881	Coopersville
Varnum, Cyrus A.							1889	Grand Haven
Vickers, John W.	Berwick-on-Tweed, Eng	Oct	15	1856	New Foundland	1883	1889	Alma
*Wakefield, Amos A	Wheelock, Vermont	March.	31	1813	Michigan	1849	1851	Middleville
*Ward, Duncan M.	Farmington, Mich	Dec.	16	1842	Michigan	1871	1871	Dewitt
*Watkins, Orlin D.	Naples, New York	Dec.	19	1830	North Indiana	1866	1880	Lucas
*Webster, James	England	Aug.	26	1228	Detroit	1856	1871	Leslie
*Welch, Rollin C.	Weatherfield, New York	Aug.	6	1830	Genesee	1857	1869	Albion

White, John W. N	Clear Creek, Indiana	April	12	1842	Methodist Protestant	1871	1874	Three Rivers
*Whitman, Barnabas H.	Marion, New York	June	1	1823	Michigan	1869	1869	Norwood
*Wightman, Ira R. A.	Trenton, New York	March	30	1836	Michigan	1863	1865	Albion
Wightman, Oramel E.	Illion, New York	Aug.	20	1850	Michigan	1872	1874	Jackson
Wightman, R. R							1889	Springport
Williams, Arthur S	Potsdam, N. Y.	June	7	1858	Michigan	1886	1889	Berlin
*Witson, Isaiah	Clones, Ireland	July	17	1842	Newark	1873	1876	Cassopolis
Woods, Nelson R	Auburn, Ohio	Nov.	26	1847	Free Methodist	1876	1889	South Butler
Woodward, David C. N	Cohocton, New York	May	31	1836	Michigan	1862	1864	Ovid
Woodward, Stephen C. A	Cohocton, New York	June	17	1819	Michigan	1841	1843	Ovid
Wright, R. A.	Kitlen, Ont	Aug	5	1859		1885	1885	Evanston, Illinois
Wigle, Eli. N	Gosfield, Canada	Dec.	2	1841	Wesleyan Methodist	1864	1873	Grand Rapids
Yocum, Abram R	Newaygo, Canada	July	10	1848	West Wisconsin	1884	1889	Grandville
*Young, Erasmus D. A	Orville, New York	Aug.	25	1814	Michigan	1849	1851	Colon
Young, Thomas	Ayton, England	Aug.	10	1865	M. E. Church of Canada	1882	1885	Gresham
Younglove, William N	Rome, Mich	March	21	1848	Michigan	1881	1881	Edwardsburg

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DeGraff, John A	Ludington	Nix, Frank H	Stevensville	Trott, Arthur	Cooper
Divine, William W	Ganges	Odle, Edwin L	Calkinsville	Urch, William H. B	Albion
Dunsmore, Hiram C	Fennville	Rankin, H. P	Muskegon	Wallace, Isaac W	Monterey
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The names of the persons associating in this society, to be known and recognized as the Preachers' Savings Fund Society of Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and adopted September 18, 1871, are to be found in the original constitution of this society, under the head of Article 1, which has undergone no change.

ARTICLE II.

This society shall be called and known as the Preachers' Savings Fund Society of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall have its office, for the transaction of business, at Albion, Calhoun county, in the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE III.

This society, or incorporation, shall exist for a period of thirty (30) years.

ARTICLE IV.

The objects of this society shall be to hold or receive moneys, legacies, bequests, gifts, stocks, bonds, and any kind of securities or property, and hold the same for the benefit of the widows or children of deceased ministers or preachers, who shall be members of this Society, and who shall be members of the Michigan Annual Conference at the time of their decease.

It may also hold such money, or the above described property for the benefit of such living ministers, members of the Michigan Annual Conference and of this society, as in the judgment of this society, are in need of pecuniary aid: *Provided*. That no part of the funds of this society shall be applied to the relief of any living minister, until his case has been brought before the society, at its annual meeting: *Provided, further*, That whenever any member of this society, who is also a member of the Michigan Annual Conference, shall be transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he may retain his membership in this society by continuing to meet all of his obligations to it, while he continues a member in good standing in such Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: *Provided, further*, That preachers on trial, in the said Michigan Annual Conference, may be entitled to all the rights and benefits of this society on the same conditions as members of the same Conference who are in full connection.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Trustees, who shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are elected. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees, and the President shall preside in the meetings of said board, and of the society also. All elections for officers shall be by ballot and by the society, and all officers shall be elected at the annual meeting, except to fill vacancies, which shall be filled by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI.

This society shall hold its annual meeting on the second day of the session of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in each year, at the place at which such Conference is held, and a majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS.

SECTION 1. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall select a competent physician, residing at or near the seat of the Annual Conference, whose duty it shall be to examine any and all candidates for admission to this society.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to elect a Medical Examiner-in-Chief, who shall hold office for the period of three years unless sooner removed for cause. It shall be his duty to prepare blank forms of examination which shall equal in requirements, those of the best insurance organizations. The Medical Examiner-in-Chief shall pass upon all examinations made by the subordinate Medical Examiner, and his approval or rejection shall be final.

SEC. 3. Any person receiving a majority vote of the members in attendance at the annual meeting, and by the payment of five dollars and the Medical Examiners' fees into the treasury of the society, having passed the required medical examination, and who at the time of such examination shall not be over forty-five (45) years of age, may become a member of this society. In case of rejection by Medical Examiners, all money paid into the treasury of the society shall be refunded, except so much as is required to pay the examiner's fees.

SEC. 4. Upon the death of a member the Secretary shall immediately notify each surviving member, of the amount of his assessment, and that the same is due and payable within sixty days from date of such notice. Failure to comply with this requirement, shall in the discretion of the society, be deemed to have worked a forfeiture of membership and of any and every interest of such delinquent in the Society, or of its properties or benefits.

ARTICLE VIII.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the society and board of Trustees, and shall perform all of the duties belonging to his office, and such other duties as the by-laws of the society or the board of Trustees shall direct, and in his absence these duties shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

ARTICLE IX.

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all the proceedings of the society and the board of Trustees, and cause the same to be recorded in a book provided for that purpose. He shall receive all moneys paid into this society, and enter the same in his record, with the sources from which they came; pay all moneys over to the Treasurer immediately, taking his receipt for the same.

ARTICLE X.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys or property belonging to the society, and shall hold the same subject to the order of the board of Trustees. He shall report annually the state of the finances, and the condition of all property in his hands belonging to the society, or oftener if the board of Trustees shall direct. He shall give a bond to the society in a penal sum of at least double the amount in his hands belonging to the Society, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

ARTICLE XI.

SEC. 1. All money belonging to the society, except so much as may be necessary to pay the usual running expenses and such appropriations as the board of Trustees may order, according to these articles, shall be funded under the direction of the board of Trustees, and said board shall have charge of all lands, tenements, stocks, bonds, mortgages, securities, or effects of every nature whatsoever, and shall invest the same, and cause them to be paid over for the purposes of the society. *Provided*, That the interest or the profits only shall be used forever, except also such special assessments as are provided for in article twelve of these articles of association. *Provided, further*, That at the expiration of the time for which this society is organized, it shall have power to dispose of all funds and securities of every nature, in such manner as it shall judge proper.

Sec. 2. The trustees shall have no power to pay out money in violation of article four of these articles of association.

ARTICLE XII.

Sec. 1. Whenever any member of this association, who is also a member in good standing in the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or having been transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church while holding membership in this association, shall die, and being at the time of his decease in good standing in this society and the Conference to which he belongs, the Trustees shall cause to be paid to his widow, or if he leave no widow, then to the children of said deceased minister, the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars. If he leave no widow nor child, the said amount shall be paid to the executor or administrator of his estate to be distributed according to law after the payment of his just debts and the expenses of his last sickness and funeral.

Provided, That said deceased minister has paid into the society's fund at least the sum of (50) dollars; but if the whole amount paid into the funds of the society shall not amount to fifty (50) dollars, by such deceased minister, as above stated, then the Trustees shall deduct from the one thousand dollars to be paid to the widow or children of said deceased minister, or to the executor or administrator of his estate, as provided for in section one of this article, such sum as will, when added to the sum of payments of said deceased minister, make the sum of fifty (50) dollars as aforesaid.

Sec. 2. The payment provided for in section one of this article shall be paid at the next session of the Michigan Annual Conference succeeding the death of the deceased minister.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of this society, whenever a death, as stated in section one of this article, shall occur, to meet as soon thereafter as possible and proceed to estimate the amount which will be in the hands of the Treasurer at the next ensuing session of the Michigan Annual Conference, arising from interest or profits of the invested funds; also the probable amount arising from the annual dues of the membership; and they shall set apart three-fourths (¾) of such annual payments to apply on the one thousand (1000) dollars provided for in section one of this article; also such interest or profits as arise from the invested funds, and then they shall assess the balance necessary to make up the one thousand (1000) dollars upon the members of the society, each member being assessed in a sum equal to every other member.

Sec. 4. Upon the death of a member it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of his assessment, by sending him a written or printed statement or notice of the amount assessed against him, and request the payment of the same, within thirty days of said notice, and if the assessment or assessments are not paid by the next session of the Society, at its annual meeting, the name of the member, or members, so refusing, or neglecting to pay, shall be stricken from the roll of the society, and all moneys which the said members have paid into the society shall be forfeited to its use. *Provided*, That no member of the society thus forfeiting his membership by non-payment of assessments, shall be entitled to any benefits from the society, until all assessments and dues are paid; and if death occurs during such delinquency, all claims of such persons shall be forfeited. (See amendment).

ARTICLE XIII.

This society shall hold the money belonging to the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the deceased ministers of said Conference, commonly known as the Parkhurst Fund, and the Treasurer shall report annually, and oftener, if called upon by the Trustees or President to do so, the state of this fund. The society shall report annually to the Michigan Annual Conference, and pay over the interest which has accrued on the said fund at each session of said Conference, and the order of said Conference, attested by its Secretary, shall be sufficient voucher for the payment of such interest.

ARTICLE XVI.

All gifts, legacies or bequests, which shall be made to the society, or placed in its keeping, shall be sacredly kept, held and disbursed, according to the terms or conditions of said gifts, legacies, or bequests; and neither the Trustees nor the society shall have any power to divert either the principal or the interest, or any part thereof, from the purpose designed by the donor or donors of said legacies or bequests.

ARTICLE XV.

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting, provided that such amendment or amendments shall be offered in writing, at the first session of the annual meeting, the same to be voted on at the second or a later session of the same annual meeting.

AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. Any person having paid five (5) dollars into the treasury of the society, may be elected to membership in the society, at any annual meeting by a majority vote, and such may thereafter be continued by payment of (2) dollars annually, and such assessments as may, from time to time, be made upon him.

SEC. 2. Each member of this society shall pay annually the sum of $8 in addition to the $2 hitherto required. This shall be construed to be a reserve fund, to be drawn upon whenever, in any year, the claims from death shall exceed the amount.

ARTICLE XII.

SEC. 5. The secretary shall notify each member of the amount of his assessments, and a failure to pay the same by the member so notified, by or before the next annual session of the society, shall in the descretion of the secretary, be deemed to have worked a forfeiture of membership, and of every interest of such delinquent in the society, or its properties and benefits.

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RULE 1. The Conference shall meet at 8:30 A. M., spending 20 minutes in devotional exercises, and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting at their discretion, and provided also that on the second day of the Annual Session the Conference shall be adjourned by expiration of time at 10 A. M.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journal of the preceding day read and approved.

3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of an appeal the question shall be taken without debate.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.

5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member requests it.

6. When a motion, resolution, or report presented is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed as in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before the decision or amendment.

7. No new motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named, viz: The previous question, indefinite postponement, laying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, amendment or substitute.

8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language, but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.

10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without the leave of the Conference, nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

11. Whenever any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative to move for a reconsideration.

12 No member shall absent himself from the session of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when said question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

14. Every member who shall be within the bar, at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the Conference proceedings, which he shall cause to be published in the annual minutes, and, when so published, it shall be the official Journal of this Conference. He shall edit the minutes and all memoirs, and shall make contracts for the publication thereof for the next ensuing annual Conference. He shall have charge of the Journal and Conference files, and forward them to the seat of the next annual Conference. He shall cause to be deposited with the Librarian of Albion College the Ancient Documents of this Conference.

17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time and shall be decided without debate.

18. All committees whose reports are to be printed in the Minutes shall present their reports in duplicate, one copy for the Conference, and another for the Committee on Publication of the Minutes, otherwise the Committee on Publication is not required to insert such reports in the Minutes.

19. All persons while passing the disciplinary course of study, who shall be reported below the medium, or who shall be deficient in the required reading, shall be required to pass another examination on the studies so reported, or to make up the difficient reading; and the Chairman of the Examining Committee shall give notice to the Conference Secretary and to the deficient party. All Examining Committees shall mark candidates upon a scale running from five to ten—five representing total failure, seven medium and ten perfection.

20. A member of the Conference accused of offences against the law and discipline of the Church, is entitled to a copy of the charges and specifications to be relied on for the prosecution of the complaint, together with a notice of the time when the accused will be called upon to answer said charges and specifications. A failure to serve a copy of said charges and specifications a reasonable length of time before the same shall be presented for adjudication must be satisfactorily explained by the prosecution before the trial can proceed.

21. Each preacher in charge shall be required to report to the Conference, with his statistics, the names of the members of his quarterly conference.

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FIRST DAY.

The Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its fifty-fifth session in the Church at Muskegon, Michigan, at 9 o'clock, A. M., Sept. 10, 1890.

Bishop E. G. Andrews, D. D., in the chair.

The Bishop announced the 815th hymn, after singing of which he read the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel and 2nd chapter of Philippians, and led the Conference in prayer.

James W. Reid, secretary of the last Conference called the roll and the following 165 members responded to their names.

W. J. Aldrich, Levi Aler, Jas. Allen, E. V. Armstrong, J. W. Arney, F. B. Bangs, D. F. Barnes, G. S. Barnes, C. L. Barnhart, J. C. Beach, J. H. Bennett, J. Berry, J. R. Bowen, N. L. Bray, R. Bramfitt, W. H. Brockway, J. I. Buell, G. A. Buell, J. W. Buell, Geo. Bullen, A. W. Burns, A. W. Bushee, L. W. Calkins, M. M. Callen, J. W. H. Carlisle, J. W. Cawthorne, H. C. Chamberlin, G. D. Chase, J. C. Chase, J. Clubine, W. I. Cogshall, Wm. Colby, J. C. Cook, W. T. Cook, R. C. Crawford, J. G. Crozier, E. H. Day, J. N. Dayton, L. DeLamarter, W. Denman, G. Donaldson, W. J. Douglass, L. W. Earl, L. M. Edmonds, A. J. Eldred, A. N. Eldred, D. Engle, A. T. Ferguson, R. J. Floody, W. P. French, W. A. Frye, L. M Garlick, T. T. George, F. Glass, O. J. Golden, G. W. Gosling, A. M. Gould, J. Graham, D. A. Green, L. Grosenbaugh, J. Gulick, J. W. Hallenbeck, S. L. Hamilton, W. F. Harding, A. F. Hart, W. J. Hathaway, H. R. Hawley, W. Heath, G. S. Hickey, G. W. Howe, W. A. Hunsberger, J. T. Iddings, T. H. Jacokes, C. A. Jacokes, F. N. Janes, Wm. Jennings, W. W. Johnson, Wm. Judd, E. L. Kellogg, A. R. Kiellor, L. B. Kenyon, Geo. Killeen, E. H. King, S. Kitzmiller, J. Klose, G. B. Kulp, W. W. Lamport, L. E. Lennox, M. F. Loomis, A. T. Luther, E. Marble, D. D. Martin, U. Mason, L. Master, P. J. Maveety, W. J. Maybee, J. W. McAllister, R. S. McGregor, S. D. McKee, R.

N. Middleton, J. W. Miller, A. P. Moors, G. L. Mount, W. P. Mosher, A. F. Nagler, E. F. Newell, A. D. Newton, J. R. Odin, J. F. Orwick, O. S. Paddock, D. W. Parsons, W. H. Parsons, E. B. Patterson, O. H. Perry, J. H. Pitezel, J. H. Potts, A. Potter, W. A. Prouty, W. M. Puffer, J. M. Reid, J. W. Reid, T. Riley, G. S. Robinson, G. W. Sherman, R. Shier, A. Smith, J. A. Sprague, J. K. Stark, J. W. Steffe, S. Steele, S. C. Strickland, A. H. Sturgis, W. J. Swift, A. K. Stewart, J. H. Tanner, E. A. Tanner, C. H. Theobald, R. W. Tindall, Thos. Tindall, W. H. Thompson, F. L. Thompson, C. G. Thomas, J. H. Thomas, L. L. Tower, G. W. Tuthill, G. Varion, C. A. Varnum, J. W. Vickers, D. M. Ward, O. D. Watkins, Jas. Webster, J. White, A. J. Wheeler, I. R. A. Wightman, O. E. Wightman, A. S. Williams, I. Wilson, N. R. Wood, D. C. Woodard, R. A. Wright, E. Wigle, A. H. Yokum, E. D. Young, T. Young, W. N. Younglove.

Also the following probationers were present:—W. Z. Cole, A. H. Coors, F. W. Corbett, C. A. Cutler, S. C. Davis, J. A. DeGraff, W. W. Divine, W. Earle, N. E. Gibbs, R. G. Hilldred, W. L. Laufman, L. E. Lovejoy, O. E. Mather, J. W. McDougall, F. L. Niles, F. H. Nix, E. L. Odle, Thomas Rible, G. W. Riggs, H. L. Rood, H. H. Rood, J. W. Sheehan, E. L. Sinclier, H. D. Skinner, A. A. Stephens, J. H. Strickland, W. A. Taylor, H. W. Thompson, M. D. Townsend, S. Trewin, A. Trott, W. H. B. Urch, I. W. Wallace, Prentice Whitman, J. H. Wilcox, W. J. Wilson, Ernest Wood.

Jas. W. Reid declining re-election, W. I. Cogshall was elected secretary, and authorized to nominate his own assistants. On motion of T. H. Jacokes the rules of last session were so amended that the morning session begin at 8:30 A. M., and the amended rules were adopted. The list of standing committees, nominated last year, was called and revised as follows:

STEWARDS—E. L. Kellogg, Jas. Hamilton, L. M. Edmonds, C. G. Thomas, John Klose, A. M. Gould, D. Engle, D. C. Riehl, G. W. Howe.

FREEDMEN—James H. Tanner, E. V. Armstrong, S. L. Hamilton, J. N. Dayton, Wm. Judd.

PERIODICALS—C. L. Barnhart, G. D. Chase, F. C. Lee.

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH—S. C. Strickland, A. N. Eldred, L. W. Calkins.

PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES—Secretary and Statistician.

BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS—W. W. Lamport, J. W. Buell, F. A. VanDeWalker.

TEMPERANCE—A. D. Newton, G. A. Odlum, A. J. Eldred, J. C. Floyd, J. F. Orwick.

EDUCATION—J. W. Hallenbeck, C. G. Thomas, W. A. Frye, M. M. Callen, S. D. McKee.

MISSION AUDITING—J. W. Miller, D. A. Green, G. W. Tuthill.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS—R. N. Middleton, W. N. Younglove, Geo. Varion, E. H. King, W. A. Hunsberger.

BIBLE CAUSE—W. M. Colby, W. J. Douglass, G. W. Howe.

STATE OF THE CHURCH—W. P. Mosher, P. J. Maveety, J. W. Rawlinson, I. Wilson, W. M. Puffer.

MEMORIALS—L. Grosenbaugh, P. J. Maveety, W. J. Maybee.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—W. J. Aldrich, J. I Buell.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—G. S. Barnes, L. M. Edmonds, L. E. Lennox, H. S. Bargelt, H. C. Chamberlin.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—E. F. Newell, A. T. Luther, A. W. Burns.

POSTOFFICES—J. C. Beach.

PARSONAGES AND FURNITURE—O. E. Wightman, F. W. Corbett, W. P. French, G. W. Gosling.

WOMEN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY—W. J. Aldrich, F. N. Janes, J. R. Bowen.

DELEGATES TO FRATERNAL BODIES—Pastors where meetings are held.

SPECIAL DELEGATE TO THE EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION—P. J. Maveety.

EPWORTH LEAGUE—F. L. Thompson, S. L. Hamilton, J. K. Stark, G. S. Hickey, H. H. Rood.

STATE REVIVAL BAND—J. W. Rawlinson, I. Wilson, J. Graham.

COMMITTEE TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS OF THE TREASURER—C. L. Barnhart, H. D. Jordan, G. B. Kulp.

The Secretary nominated the following assistant Secretaries and they were elected: J. C. Floyd, E. B. Patterson and F. L. Thompson.

A. J. Wheeler was elected Statistician by acclamation, with power to nominate his assistants. He nominated H. C. Chamberlin, E. H. King and C. A. Varnum, who were elected.

W. J. Hathaway was elected Treasurer, with W. A. Taylor, A. T. Ferguson and E. V. Armstrong assistants.

The nomination of a committee on Conference Relations was referred to the Presiding Elders.

A committee of one from each district was appointed to nominate the standing committees for next year, according to the list on page 229 Minutes of last year, as follows—Thomas Cox, G. A. Buell, W. H. Parsons, John Graham, A. J. Eldred, A. M. Gould, L. W. Calkins, Geo. L. Mount, E. B. Patterson.

W. J. Aldrich presented a letter from the Goodrich Transportation Company, inviting the Conference to a ride on the lake. The invitation was accepted with thanks, and the time fixed at from 1:30 to 3:30 P. M. to-morrow. Also an invitation was received from the Board of Education to visit the Hackley Public Library. Invitation accepted with thanks.

At the request of the Presiding Elder, of Ionia District, the Conference ordered a committee of nine to investigate the rumors concerning J. W. Arney, a member of this Conference.

The Bishop appointed as such committee J. M. Reid, Chairman, J. C. Floyd, J. W. Miller, W. A. Hunsberger, John Graham, J. K. Stark, W. I. Cogshall and J. W. H. Carlisle.

The Bishop announced that this Conference was entitled to draw on the Chartered Fund for $30 and on the Book Concern for $2,117.00, and the drafts were ordered.

The Bishop also presented certain documents, which were referred to the Freedmen's Aid Committee.

On motion of J. W. Reid, L. DeLamarter was elected Registrar.

On motion of A. J. Eldred it was ordered that all benevolent apportionments to the Conference be referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the districts and charges.

Certain documents from Garrett Biblical Institute and other institutions were referred to the Committee on Education.

A circular letter from the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was presented and read, announcing the amount of $2,808.00 apportioned to this Conference for the support of the Bishops for the coming year. Also a circular letter from the Commission of Entertainment of the General Conference of 1892, announcing that $1,292 00 were apportioned to this Conference.

Both of the above were referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to charges.

A communication from the Presbyterian General Assembly, in the interest of the abolishment of warfare, was referred to the Committee on State of the Church.

A resolution of the General Book Committee, with reference to the distribution of Book Concern dividends in Conferences where non-official papers are patronized to the detriment of the official press, was read and referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

W. H. Thompson presented the appeal of Manly H. Sherman from the decision of Okemos Quarterly Conference. Referred to a select number of nine to be appointed by the Bishop.

J. K. Stark moved that the matter of division of the Conference be made the order of the day for Saturday morning, immediately after reading the Journal, which was carried.

C. H. Payne, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

On motion of O. H. Perry it was ordered that the Statistician provide separate columns to report both Children's Day and Church Educational Collections.

Dr. J. F. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

A. M. Gould was appointed to lead the devotions to-morrow morning.

List of committees was called, announcements made, and after the Doxology Bishop Andrews dismissed the Conference with the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 11, 1890.

The Conference convened at 8:30 A. M., Bishop Andrews in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by A. M. Gould.

The Secretary called the roll of yesterday's absentees.

On motion of W. H. Brockway the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Yesterday's Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The following were named by the Bishop and appointed by the Conference as the select number, to hear the appeal of M. H. Sherman, viz: T. H. Jacokes, Chairman, G. W. Tuthill, W. J. Douglass, L. W. Earl, J. N. Dayton, B. H. Whitman, H. R. Hawley, G. B. Kulp, F. B. Bangs, W. R. Stinchcomb, with E. B. Patterson, Secretary.

On nomination of the Presiding Elders, J. A. Sprague, I. Wilson, J. H. Thomas, Wm. Judd, J. K. Stark, J. W. Reid, S. C. Strickland, J. C. Beach and J. H. Tanner were appointed the Committee on Conference Relations.

W. A. Frye was appointed to take subscriptions for the Methodist Review.

It was announced that the apportionment for Tract Society to this Conference is $725, and a like amount for the Sunday School Union.

The Statistician and Treasurer called the lists of delinquents as required by the Discipline.

J. C. Hartzell, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

N. L. Bray moved that the Secretary be instructed to draw on the Preacher's Saving Fund Society for the interest on the Parkhurst Fund, in favor of the Treasurer, which prevailed.

J. M. Hall, Superintendent of the Bay View Assembly, was introduced.

Question 20 was taken up. Albion District was called and the Presiding Elder, Ira R. A. Wightman, failing to respond, Big Rapids was called. The character of D. W. Parsons was passed and he reported his district.

The following effective elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: J. R. Bowen, W. J. Maybee, J. C. Beach, F. L. Thompson, W. J. Douglass, C. W. Smith, D. C. Riehl, G. A. Buell, J. W. Miller, E. F. Newell, G. A. Odlum and S. C. Tiney.

N. L. Bray was called, his character passed, and he reported Coldwater District.

The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: E. A. Tanner, L. W. Earl, J. F. Orwick, W. A. Hunsberger, W. H. Parsons, S. C. Strickland, E. L. Kellogg, J. T. Iddings, L. E. Lennox and W. M. Paddock.

N. L. Bray moved the appointment of a committee to consider rumors concerning J. G. Crozier, which was ordered.

W. I. Cogshall moved that when we adjourn it be to convene at the close of the Preacher's Saving's Fund Society. Meeting ordered.

S. L. Hamilton, G. B. Kulp and F. L. Thompson were named as the committee on the Chase church.

The relations of Jas. Draper and E. Treadgold were changed from supernumerary to superannuated and they were placed on the list of claimants for this year.

L. M. Edmonds moved that needy widows of pastors who have died during the past year, be in the judgment of the Board of Stewards, placed on the list of claimants for this year.

Conference session was resumed at the adjournment of the Preachers' Savings Fund Society and the Bishop named G. S. Hickey, J. R. Bowen. J. P. Durham, George Varion, F. C. Lee, F. J. Freeman, S. D. McKee, C. A. Jacokes and G. W. Gosling the committee in the case of J. G. Crozier.

J. I. Buell was called, his character passed and he reported Grand Rapids District.

The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: J. N. Dayton, J. W. Buell, R. N. Middleton, George Varion, E. H. King, Wm. Denman, A. J. Wheeler, J. W. Reid, A. H. Yokum, Wm. Jennings, G. E. Hollister, T. T. George, John Klose, J. W. Horner, W. A. Frye, J. Graham, W. M. Puffer, W. J. Aldrich, R. Shier.

The character of A. H. Gillet was passed.

H. D. Jordan was granted a superannuated relation and J. W. Reid a supernumerary relation.

I. W. Peach having been suspended for insubordination, by a committee of investigation, his Presiding Elder filed his parchments, together with the records of the case, and he was permitted to withdraw "under charges."

Geo. W. Sherman was called, his character passed, and he reported the Grand Traverse District.

A. J. Eldred moved extension of time to complete the call of the district, which was ordered.

The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: J. K. Stark, O. D. Watkins, J. W. Steffe, G. S. Barnes, G. W. Howe, D. A. Green, G. S. Robinson, W. Heath, B. H. Whitman, D. Engle, J. Allen, E. G. Stevens and F. C. Lee.

D. O. Ball, J. Gulick and S. P. Hewitt were called and their characters passed.

The relation of J. Gulick was changed to superannuate.

The relation of A. J. Eldred was changed to superannuate and he was placed on the list of claimants for this year.

In the Sherman case M. M. Callen was recognized as counsel for the Church and L. DeLamarter for the Appellant.

E. B. Bancroft, of the Detroit Conference was introduced. Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 12, 1890.

Session opened at 8:30 A. M., the Bishop in the chair.

Devotions were conducted by G. S. Hickey.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

T. H. Jacokes reported the findings of the committee in the case of M. H. Sherman. See report "A."

The Statistician and Treasurer reported the lists of delinquents and those whose reports were incorrect.

L. Grosenbaugh was substituted for A. M. Gould in the committee on nominations.

Dr. Bennett, of Garrett Biblical Institute, and Dr. Fiske, of Albion College were introduced.

The fourteenth question was taken up and Alfred F. Hart was called, represented by his Presiding Elder, reported by the committee, and he was elected to Elders Orders.

Wm. C. Muffett was called, his character passed, and he was continued in the class of the second year.

John C. Chase, August F. Nagler, Geo. Killeen, John H. Bennett, W. T. Cook and Howard C. Chamberlin were called, they reported their collections, were reported by the committee, represented by their Presiding Elders, and elected to Elder's Orders.

The thirteenth question was taken up.

Dempster D. Martin was called, his character passed, and he reported his collections, was reported by the committee, represented by his Presiding Elder, and advanced to the second class.

Albert C. Jones was called, his character passed, was reported by the committee. represented by his Presiding Elder, and was continued as a deacon of the first class, having passed the studies of the third year, excepting Porter and Harman.

Nelson R. Wood having failed to appear before the committee, was continued in the first class.

A. S. Williams, G. D. Chase, Wm. F. Harding, Levi Aler, Alexander T. Luther and Luther B. Kenyon were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, were reported by the committee, represented by their Presiding Elders, and advanced to the second class.

Arthur K. Stuart was called, his character passed and he reported his collections, was represented by the committees of both the third and fourth years, represented by his Presiding Elder, and was elected to Elder's Orders.

J. V. Clancey was called, character passed, was represented by his Presiding Elder and he was continued in the first class, not having been present for examination.

Atwell E. Hawley, Robert J. Floody and James E. Arney were called, characters passed, represented by their Presiding Elders, and continued in the first class, they not having been before the Committee.

W. D. Rowland was called, character passed, reported by the Committee, represented by Presiding Elder and advanced to second class.

J. S. Montgomery and Chas. J. Sonnema called, characters passed, they were continued in first class, and the Bishop was requested to leave them without appointment, to attend one of our schools.

Irving Eagle, Joseph C. Cook and Chas. H. Theobald were called, characters passed, reported collections, reported by Committee, represented by Presiding Elders, and advanced to the second class.

Arthur M. Griffith was called, character passed, represented by Presiding Elder, and was granted a supernumerary relation and continued in the first class.

Robert A. Wright was called, character passed, reported his collections, reported by Committee, represented by Presiding Elder, and advanced to the second class.

Lee L. Tower was called, character passed, reported his collections, was reported by the committees of third and fourth years, and elected to Elder's orders.

John W. Arney was called and the Committee of Investigation reported through its Chairman, J. M. Reid, which report was adopted. See report "B."

T. H. Jacokes moved that in view of the statement of J. W. Arney, contained in said report, his character pass, which prevailed. Not having been before the committee he was continued in the second class.

Dr. Bennett addressed the Conference in the interest of the Garrett Biblical Institute.

Dr. Potts presented the Conference Claimants' Fund with a draft for $1,362,55 from the Methodist Publishing Company.

Dr. Fiske, President of Albion College, read his annual report, which was filed with the Secretary.

E. B. Bancroft presented the interests of the Albion College Alumni Professorship.

W. H. Brockway moved the appointment of A. J. Eldred, J. C. Floyd, J. H. Pitzell and W. J. Aldrich to express to the

Goodrich Transportation Company the appreciation of the Conference for the excursion of yesterday, which was ordered.

J. M. Hall gave an address in the interest of Bay View Normal work.

Question 16 was called and no candidates appeared for Local Elder's orders.

Question 10 was taken up and the following were duly elected to Deacon's orders: Adam Clark, Jas. Miller, Wm. J. Wilson, J. Scott Ward and Hale H. Miller.

T. H. Jacokes moved the extension of time, which was ordered.

The committee in the case of J. G. Crozier presented its report through the Chairman, G. S. Hickey, which was adopted, (see report "C") and the character of J. G. Crozier was passed.

L. M. Edmonds moved that the special order for to-morrow morning be deferred until the Bishop has disposed of necessary Minute business, which was ordered. Notices were given, the Bishop pronounced the benediction and Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 13, 1890.

Conference convened at 8:40, and F. C. Lee conducted devotional exercises.

The Journal was read, corrected and approved.

A communication from the Goodrich Transportation Company, making a rate of one fare for round trip to Chicago for preachers and their wives was read.

J. K. Stark moved a vote of thanks to the Goodrich Transportation Company and the Muskegon Electric Railway Company for favors rendered, which was ordered.

J. W. Reid moved that J. W. Hallenbeck, R. C. Crawford and J. F. Orwick be made a committee to report on the question of a Conference Temperance Organization, which was ordered.

The twentieth question was resumed and A. P. Moors was called, his character passed, and he reported Ionia District.

Question three was taken up and Louis Blanchet, Chas. A. Cutler. Wellington Earl, Robert G. Hildred, Luther E. Lovejoy, W. H. Moore, Elbert O. Mather, John W. McDougal, Fred L. Niles, Harry L. Rood, Alfred A. Stephens, John W. Sheehan, Prentiss Whitman, Adam Clark, Ernest W. Wood, Wm. J. Wilson and Richard R. Wightman were called, characters passed and they were continued on trial.

Walter Z. Cole, John W. Hart, Geo. W. Riggs, Judson H. Strickland, Herbert W. Thompson and Cyrus A. Varnum were called, characters passed, and not having been before the Committee of Examination, were continued in the first year.

Orville T. Hutchinson and John Humfries were discontinued at their own request.

Question five was taken up and the class for admission was called forward, addressed by the Bishop, and the candidates were asked and answered the usual questions.

Howard D. Skinner, Fred W. Corbett, Arthur Trott, Wm. W. Divine, Herbert H. Rood, Samuel Trewin, Isaac W. Wallace, Smith C. Davis, Morris B. Townsend, Wm. A. Taylor, Wm. L. Laufman, Edwin L. Odle, John A. DeGraff, James H. Wilcox, August H. Coors, Thos. R. Rible, Norman E. Gibbs, Wm. Barth and Frank H. Nix were called characters passed, and they were admitted to full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

Edgar L. Sincleir and Alfred E. Craig were called, characters passed and admitted, being in orders.

Wm. H. B. Urch was called, character passed, and he was reported by the committees of the second, third and fourth years, admitted and elected to Elder's orders.

Chas. Nease, Mahlon A. Jacokes, Alvin O. Carman, Harry R. Rankin were called, their characters passed, and not having been before the Committee, were continued on trial. The Bishop was requested to leave H. P. Rankin without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Hiram Dunsmore, F. P. Sprague and Thos. Tindall were discontinued at their own request.

Lovett A. Jenne was elected to Deacon's orders as a local preacher.

D. W. Parsons moved that Alfred A. Stephens be elected deacon under the Missionary rule, which prevailed.

The Bishop was requested to leave J. A. DeGraff without appointment to attend one of our schools.

I. E. Springer, of the Detroit Conference, Dr. J. O. Peck, of the Missionary Society, Dr. W. P. Stowe, of the Book Concern and Rev. Mr. Anderson, of the Muskegon Congregational church were introduced. Dr. Stowe presented the interests of the Western Book Concern.

The twentieth question was resumed and the following Effective Elders of the Ionia District were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: A. R. Keillor, J. W. Hallenbeck, F. A. VanDeWalker, L. Grosenbaugh, John Dobson, L. M. Garlick, A. M. Gould, H. R. Hawley, F. J. Freeman, Albert Smith and O. J. Golden.

E. T. Lumber was called, his character passed, and he was, on motion of A. P. Moors, granted a supernumerary relation.

T. H. Jacokes and Wm. Judd were called, characters passed and they reported their collections.

Announcements were made, G. C. Elliott pronounced the benediction and the Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Monday, September 15, 1890.

Session opened at 8:30, and Geo. G. Whitworth conducted the devotional exercises.

The Journal was read, corrected and approved.

The Bishop filed a certificate of the ordinations of yesterday.

The twentieth question was resumed. D. F. Barnes was called, his character passed, and he reported Kalamazoo District.

S. Kitzmiller was called, his character passed, he reported his collections, and on motion of D. F. Barnes he was granted a supernumerary relation.

W. A. Bass was called, his character passed and a letter from him to the Conference was read, asking for a supernumerary relation, which, on motion of D. F. Barnes, was granted.

H. S. Bargelt, Jas. Berry, L. W. Calkins, W. I. Cogshall, E. V. Armstrong, R. W. Tindall, S. D. McKee, W. P. French, G. B. Kulp, J. W. Rawlinson, O. H. Perry, J. White, A. T. Ferguson J. A. Sprague and George Donaldson were called, characters passed, and they reported their collections.

W. H. Thompson was called, his character passed, and he reported Lansing District.

The following Effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: J. W. Vickers, C. L. Barnhart, D. M. Ward, A. W. Burns, L. DeLamarter, G. L. Mount, E. Tench, Thos. Young, C. A. Jacokes, M. M. Callen, W. M. Colby, R. S. McGregor, A. D. Newton, A. H.Sturgis, P. J. Maveety, Thos. Riley, C. G. Thomas, George Bullen, J. H. Thomas and J. W. McAllister.

D. W. Fow was called, his character passed, a letter from him, asking permission to withdraw from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, was read, he surrendered his parchments and his request was granted.

Levi Master was called, his character passed and he reported Niles District.

The following Effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: U. Mason, E. B. Patterson, G. W. Gosling, J. H. Buttleman, I. Wilson, J. R. Oden, W. W. Lamport, S. L. Hamilton, W. N. Younglove, W.

A. Prouty. R. Bramfitt, E. H. Day, W. R. Stinchcomb, W. J. Hathaway, I. B. Tallman and J. W. H. Carlisle.

C. S. Fox was called, his character passed and on motion of Levi Master he was granted a supernumerary relation.

M. D. Carrel was called, his character passed and on motion of Levi Master the Bishop was requested to appoint him Superintendent of the Epworth League Department of the Western Methodist Book Concern.

J. M. Reid and Thomas Nicholson were called and their characters passed.

I. R. A. Wightman was called, his character passed, and he reported Albion District.

The following Effective Elders were called, characters passed and they reported their collections: J. C. Floyd, James Hamilton, L. M. Edmunds, Thos. Cox, G. W. Tuthill, G. S. Hickey, O. E. Wightman, A. N. Eldred, Jas. Webster, O S. Paddock, John Clubine, J. H. Tanner, M. F Loomis, W. P. Mosher, F. N. Janes and M. W. F. Smith.

The character of J. H. Potts was passed and the Bishop was requested to appoint him Editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate.

R. C. Welch, W. Gardner and W. H. Brockway were called and their characters passed.

Dr. J. O. Peck, of the Missionary Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

W. I. Cogshall moved to appoint G. L. Mount to collect money for the publication of the Minutes, which was ordered.

Dr. A. S. Hunt, Secretary of the American Bible Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

J. M. Reid moved the following resolution, which was adopted. (See Resolution "I.")

Dr. J. S. Breckenridge, of the New York East Conference, was introduced, and presented the needs of the Brooklyn General Hospital.

At the conclusion of his address J. M. Reid moved the following resolution, which was adopted. (See Resolution II.)

Levi Master moved that S. L. Hamilton be granted a supernumerary relation, which prevailed.

J. W. Reid offered a resolution on Prof. Taylor's article in Albion College Year Book, for 1890, and moved its reference to the committee on education. It was so referred.

J. W. Reid moved that the Bishop be requested to appoint Washington Gardner to a Professorship in Albion College.

D. F. Barnes moved an extension of time, which was ordered.

After considerable discussion, L. M. Edmonds moved as a substitute that of these brethren (W. Gardner and J. W. Reid) go out from the active ministry to accept positions in any political party they be requested to ask for a location.

A. P. Moors move to lay on the table, which was lost.

F. B. Bangs moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at two o'clock this afternoon, which prevailed.

W. I. Cogshall moved the previous question, which was ordered, and the substitute of L. M. Edmonds prevailed by a count vote of 95 to 74

A J. Eldred moved to adjourn, announcements were made, doxology sung, E. H. Day pronounced the benediction and the Conference adjourned.

FITFH DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONDAY, September 15, 1890.

Conference commenced at 2 P. M., and F. B. Bangs conducted the devotional exercise.

The Journal of the morning session was read, corrected and approved.

The eighteenth question was taken up and Eli Wigle, N. D. Marsh, R. Pengelly, S. M. Merritt, Thos. Lyon, B. W. Smith, J. H. Hopkins, A. Potter, W. Barrett, T. J. Hill, H. P. Henderson, C. B. Holding, A. E. Ketchum, H. B. Hunt, A. A. Knappen, D. C. Woodard, H. S. Taft, J. W. White, L. S. Matthews, J. E. White, B. E. Paddock and A. M. Griffith were continued in the supernumerary relation.

On motion of A. P. Moors, J. Marzolf and R. H. Bready were made effective. W. J. Swift was placed on the effective list on motion of Jas. Hamilton.

Delos Cronk surrendered his parchments, and on motion of J. I. Buell, was permitted to withdraw from the ministry and church.

The nineteenth question was taken up, and G. A. VanHorn, H. Morgan, J. H. Pitezel, I. Bennett, J. W. Cawthorne, A. C. Beach, A A. Dunton, J. W. Hollowell, A. Wakefield, F. Glass, T. T. Clark, Chas Chick, L. J. Griffin, J. S. Harder, L M. Bennett, W. W. Johnson, G. S. Hicks, F. B. Bangs, B. S. Mills B. S. Pratt, Elisha Marble, Salmon Steele, D. S. Haviland, S. C. Woodard, N. L. Brockway, C. H. Howe, E. D. Bacon, J. Hoyt, A. A. Rolfe, J. Hills, J. S. Valentine, W. W. Rork, C. H. Fisher, G. C. Elliott, D. R. Latham, G. Daniels, E. Cooley, A. Hunsberger, E. D. Young, Jas. Roberts, G D. Lee and R. C. Crawford were continued on the superannuated list.

On motion of Levi Master I. H. Skinner was made effective. On motion of D. W. Parsons, C. T. VanAntwerp was made effective.

P. J. Maveety moved the following resolution, which prevailed;

Resolved, That it is with sincere regret that we learn of the prostration, by paralysis, of our esteemed and beloved brother, Rev. S. C. Woodard, and that we hereby extend our sympathy to our brother and his faithful wife, and pray God to give them health of body and the presence and comfort of the Holy Spirit in their declining years.

P. J. MAVEETY.
F. B. BANGS.
W. H. THOMPSON.

On motion of T. H. Jacokes, the Secretary of this Conference was requested to express to I. Bennett our sincerest regard.

On motion of F. B. Bangs, R. C. Crawford was requested to preach the semi-centennial sermon next year.

Question thirty-four was taken up and Second St., Grand Rapids, Bay View and Alma invited the ensuing session of the Conference, and Second St., Grand Rapids, was chosen.

On motion of J. P. Maveety the following resolution was ordered:

WHEREAS, A. W. Wright, Esq., of Alma, Michigan. has magnanimously offered to bear the expense of entertaining the annual Conference, if its next session be held in Alma, Michigan,

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of his kind offer, and regret that in view of the greatly increased attendance, by the presence of lay delegates from the three hundred charges in the Conference, we are unable to accept his kind invitation, and hereby tender him our hearty thanks for the same.

W. H. THOMPSON.
P. J. MAVEETY.

Question two was taken up and Ira T. Welden, W. F. Spence, E. W. Laing, Wm. W. Aylesworth, Anton M. Henne, Joseph Peschman, Joseph P. McCarthy, John H. Emmons, Walter I. Elmer, Clark S. Wheeler, Jay C. Upton, Arthur J. Morris, Harry H. Ford, Jacob Messner, Henry G. Hipp, Nathan M. Barnes, Samuel I. Horr and Wm. H. Choate were admitted on trial.

D. F. Barnes presented papers, requesting the restoration of parchments to R. C. Wilkinson, which papers, upon motion of J. Graham, were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

J. I. Buell presented the request of the North Muskegon Quarterly Conference for the recognition of the orders of Clarence M. Welch, and his admission into full connection in the Conference, he being an Elder in the United Brethren church. His orders were recognized and he was admitted.

A letter of confession from Wm. Hansom was read by the Secretary and referred to Committee on Conference Relations.

On motion of D. F. Barnes, I. Wilson and J. H. Tanner were excused from the Committee on Conference Relations in the Wilkinson case.

Bishop Andrews submitted the question of constitutional change, giving equal lay representation in the General Conference, which prevailed on a count vote of 116 to 38.

LAY REPRESENTATION.

To the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The General Conference of 1888 took the necessary action to hand down to the Annual Conferences, during the year 1890, a proposition to change section 2 of Paragraph 63 (Discipline of 1888,) so that it shall read as follows:

§ 2. The General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every forty-five, nor of a greater number of lay delegates than there may be ministerial delegates in the same Annual Conference; provided, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number, which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and, provided, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one ministerial and one lay delegate.

This action is thus communicated to the Annual Conferences severally, by order of the Board of Bishops:

Yours respectfully,
CYRUS D. FOSS,
Assistant Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 5, 1889.

The Bishop submitted the question of change, as presented by the Philadelphia Conference. which on motion of T. H. Jacokes, was postponed until the next annual Conference.

LAY REPRESENTATION.

To the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

The Philadelphia Annual Conference at its session in March 1890, adopted the following paper:

"The Philadelphia Annual Conference respectfully requests the Bishops to submit to the several Annual Conferences, as provided for in ¶ 64 of the Discipline the following alteration of ¶ 63, §2. of the Discipline, namely: to make it read

"§ 2. The General Conference shall be composed of Ministerial and Lay Delegates who shall always deliberate and vote as one body, and never as separate Orders. There shall be as many Lay Delegates for an Annual Conference as there are Ministerial; but the General Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every fourteen Members of an Annual Conference; nor of a less number than one for every forty-five; *Provided*, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional Delegate for such fraction; and, *Provided* also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and of one Lay Delegate."

Attest:

JOS. R. TAYLOR GRAY,
Secretary.

I hereby certify that the above proposed amendment was adopted by the Philadelphia Conference by a count vote of 127 to 6.

JOS. R. TAYLOR GRAY, *Secretary.*

On motion of D. F. Barnes, the question of abridgment in the publication of the Minutes was referred to the Secretary.

On motion of J. H. Tanner, J. N. Dayton and R. C. Crawford were appointed to act in the Committee on Conference Relations in the Wilkinson case.

On motion of C. G. Thomas, it was ordered that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 7:30 this evening.

J. C. Floyd presented the following resolution concerning the Goodrich Transportation Company, which was adopted. See Resolution III.

L. M. Edmonds presented the report of the Committee on Conference Claimants.

A. M. Gould moved to amend by making the first of November the date for sending out the subscription cards, which prevailed, and the report as amended was adopted. (See Report "D.")

J. W. Miller presented the report of the Committee to Audit the Missionary accounts, which was adopted. (See report "E.")

On motion of J. M. Reid, W. I. Cogshall was made a Committee to report to-morrow morning on some uniform method of marking the results of examinations.

The notices were given, J. M. Reid was appointed to preside at the evening session and the Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

EVENING SESSION.

September 15, 1890.

Conference convened at 7:30 P. M., J. M. Reid in the chair. E. D. Young conducted the devotional exercises.

The Journal of the afternoon session was read and approved.

The Statistician presented his report, which was adopted. See Statistics.

The Treasurer presented his report which was adopted. (See Report "F.")

W. I. Cogshall moved that the Conference Minutes, when approved and printed, be the official Journal. Carried.

F. L. Thompson presented the Epworth League report, which was accepted and adopted. (See Report "G.")

M. D. Carrel presented the work of the Epworth League Department of the Western Methodist Book Concern.

The report of the Committee on the Sanctity of the Sabbath was presented through its Chairman, S. C. Strickland, and adopted. (See Report "H.")

S. C. Strickland submitted a resolution relative to the World's Fair, which was adopted. (See Resolution IV.)

L. Grosenbaugh moved that a committee on District Conference Records be appointed, which was ordered. Committee consists of J. C. Beach, J. W. H. Carlisle, R. S. McGregor.

L. E. Lennox submitted the report of visitors to Albion College, which was adopted.

On motion of T. H. Jacokes, it was ordered that the Secretary be permitted to edit the several reports.

The Committee on State Revival Band made its report through its Chairman, I. Wilson, which report was adopted. (See Report "I.")

W. P. Mosher presented the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which was adopted. (See Report "J.")

P. J Maveety submitted the following resolutions touching the communication from the Presbyterian church on the subject of war. The resolution prevailed. (See Report "K.")

C. L. Barnhart presented the report of the Committee on Periodicals, which was adopted. (See Report "L.")

M. D. Carrel moved that F. L. Thompson be elected the Conference Corresponding Secretary of the Epworth League, which was ordered.

R. N. Middleton read the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts, which was accepted and adopted. (See Report "M.")

A. T. Luther presented the report of the W. F. M. S., J. N. Dayton the report of the Freeman's Aid and Southern Education Society, J. W. Hallenbeck the report of the Committee on Conference Temperance Society and these reports were adopted. (See Reports "N," "O" and "P.")

J. C. Beach offered the following resolution which was adopted. (See Resolution V.)

O. E. Wightman read the report on Parsonages and Furniture, which was accepted and adopted. (See Report "Q.")

A. T. Luther presented the report of the Auditing Committee on the Conference Educational Society Treasurer's report, which was adopted. (See Report "R.")

Announcements were made, doxology sung, W. I. Cogshall pronounced the benediction and the Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 16, 1890.

Conference convened at 8:30 A. M., and J. M. Reid conducted the devotional exercises.

The Journal was read and approved.

The Committee on District Records presented its report through R. S. McGregor, and the report was accepted and adopted. (See Report "S.")

A. D. Newton read the report of the Committee on Temperance, which was adopted. (See Report "T.")

The Bishop announced the transfer of Wm. Stacy, a Deacon of the first class, from Northern New York Conference; A. C. Sevits from North Indiana Conference, an Elder; L. M. Patterson from South Indiana Conference, a Deacon of the first class, and Edward G. Lewis from Rock River Conference, a Deacon of the first class.

The Bishop announced the transfer of J. H. Wilcox to the West Wisconsin Conference and Geo. H. Bennett to the DesMoines Conference.

On motion of W. H. Thompson, the relation of W. J. Swift was changed from effective to superannuate.

On motion of I. R. A. Wightman, G. S. Hickey and W. H. Brockway were made supernumerary.

On motion of J. I. Buell, J. Graham was placed on the supernumerary list.

The Bishop was requested to leave J. V. Clancy, L. B. Kenyon, M. A. Jacokes and Thos. Nicholson without appointment to attend one of our schools.

The Bishop and Presiding Elders retired and J. M. Reid was called to the chair.

E. L. Kellogg submitted the report of the Board of Stewards, which was accepted and adopted as follows. (See Report "U."

W. I. Cogshall presented the expense account and a collection was ordered and taken.

W. H. Brockway and James Hamilton were made a Committee to take offerings for Minko Popoff, a Bulgarian student, at Albion College, amounting to $29.46.

The report on the Chase church was presented by G. B. Kulp and adopted. (See Report "V.")

D. W. Parsons asked for subscriptions in aid of that church and $466. were subscribed.

W. J. Aldrich presented the report of the W. H. M. Society, which was adopted.

On motion of F. L. Thompson, D. W. Parsons was made the Treasurer of the Chase church fund.

W. I. Cogshall presented the report on the amendment of rule 19, which was adopted. See rule 19—page 310.

The Committee on Auditing the Treasurer's accounts was directed to present its report next year.

The report of the Committee on Missions was presented by I. R. A. Wightman and accepted and adopted. (See Report "W.")

J. M. Reid was called to the chair and J. W. Hallenbeck presented the Educational report which was adopted. See Report "X."

J. C. Floyd was instructed to cast the ballot for James W. Sheldon and W. I. Cogshall for Trustees of Albion College and N. L. Bray for Trustee of North Western University.

A Resolution concerning the re-districting of the Conference was presented and adopted. (See Resolution VI.)

J. A. Sprague presented the report of the Committee on Conference Relations in case of R. C. Wilkinson and W. Hansom which reports were adopted. (See Report "Y.")

Washington Gardner asked for a certificate of location, which on motion of O. H. Perry was granted.

B. H. Whitman moved that the action making J. W. Reid supernumerary, be rescinded. On motion of L. M. Edmonds this was laid on the table.

Levi Master moved that it is the sense of this Conference that J. W. Reid ought to have asked a certificate of location before leaving the seat of Conference.

On motion of A. M. Gould this was laid on the table.

G. A. Buell read report of the Nominating Committee, which was accepted. See list of Standing Committees, page 307.

W. M. Colby read the report of the Committee on Bible Cause, which was adopted. (See Report "Z.")

J. I. Buell moved to strike from the record all matters in the Minutes of this session relating to J. W. Reid, which on motion of T. H. Jacokes was laid on the table.

O. H. Perry presented Resolutions of thanks, etc., to this church and its pastor, to the press of this city, and to the Presiding Bishop, which were adopted. (See Resolutions VII and VIII.)

W. H. Brockway moved that after the Journal shall have been read up, and the closing devotional services held, this Conference stand adjourned, which prevailed.

Bishop Andrews led in prayer, made a brief address and announced the appointments.

At 12:30 P. M. the Conference adjourned *sine die.*

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who are received by transfer and from what Conference?

A. C. Sevits, an elder from North Indiana, Leroy M. Patterson, a deacon of the first class. from South East Indiana, Wm. Stacy, a deacon of the first class from Northern New York, E. G. Lewis, a deacon of the first class from Rock River.

2. Who are admitted on trial?

Ira T. Welden, Wm. H. Spence. E. Watson Laing, Wm. W. Aylesworth, Anton N. Henne, Joseph Peschman, Joseph P. McCarthy, John H. Emmons, Walter I. Elmer, Clark S. Wheeler, Jay C. Upton, Arthur J. Morris, Harry H. Ford, Jacob Messner. Henry G. Hipp, Nathan M. Barnes, Samuel I. Horr, Wm. H. Choate, Walter Z. Cole ('89), John W. Hart ('89), Geo. W. Riggs ('89), Judson H. Strickland ('89), Herbert W. Thompson ('89), Cyrus A. Varnum ('89).

3. Who remain on trial?

Louis Blanchet, Chas. A. Cutler, Wellington Earl, Robert G. Hildred, Luther E. Lovejoy, Wm. H. Moore, Elbert O. Mather, John W. McDougall, Fred L. Niles, Harry L. Rood, Alfred A. Stephens, John W. Sheehan, Prentice Whitman, Adam Clark, Ernest W. Wood, Wm. J. Wilson, Richard R. Wightman, Mahlon A. Jacokes, Chas. Nease, Alvin O. Carman. Harry P. Rankin.

4. Who are discontinued?

Orville T. Hutchinson, John Humfries, H. C. Dunsmore, Fred P. Sprague, Thomas Tindall.

5. Who are admitted into full connection?

Howard D. Skinner, Fred W. Corbett, Herbert H. Rood, Arthur Trott, W. W. Divine, Samuel Trewin, Isaac W. Wallace, Smith C. Davis, Morris B. Townsend, Wm. A. Taylor, Wm. L. Laufman, Edwin L. Odle, Edgar L. Sincleir, John A. DeGraff, James H. Wilcox, August N. Coors, Thos. R. Rible, Norman E. Gibbs, Wm. Barth, Alfred E. Craig, W. H. B. Urch, Frank H. Nix, C. M. Welch.

6. Who are re-admitted?

None.

7. Who are received on credentials from other churches?

C. M. Welch, from the United Brethren church.

8. What traveling preachers have been elected deacons?

Howard D. Skinner, Fred W. Corbett, Herbert H. Rood, Arthur Trott, Wm. W. Divine, Samuel Trewin, Isaac W. Wallace, Frank H. Nix, Morris D. Townsend, Wm. A. Taylor, Wm. L. Laufman, Edwin L. Odle, John A. DeGraff, James H. Wilcox, August H. Coors, Thos. R. Rible, Norman E. Gibbs, Wm. Barth.

9. What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons?

Howard D. Skinner, Fred W. Corbett, Herbert H. Rood, Arthur Trott, Wm. W. Divine, Samuel Trewin, Isaac W. Wallace, Frank H. Nix, Morris B. Townsend, Wm. A. Taylor, Wm. L. Laufman, Edwin L. Odle, John A. DeGraff, Jas. H. Wilcox. August H. Coors, Thos. R. Rible, Norman E. Gibbs, Wm. Barth.

10. What local preachers have been elected deacons?

Adam Clark, Jas. Miller, Wm. J. Wilson. J. S. Ward, Hale H. Miller, Lovett A. Jenne and Alfred A. Stephens under the Missionary rule.

11. What local preachers have been ordained deacons.

Albert A. Stephens, Adam Clark, James Miller, Wm. J. Wilson, J. S. Ward, Hale H. Miller, Lovett Jenne.

12. Who are the traveling deacons of the first class?

Nelson R. Woods ('89), A. C. Jones ('89), Luther B. Kenyon ('89), Judson V. Clancy ('89), Atwell E. Hawley ('89), Jas. E. Arney ('89), Jas. Montgomery ('89), Chas. J. Sonnema ('89), Robert J. Floody ('89), H. D. Skinner, F. W. Corbett, H. H. Rood, A. Trott, W. W. Divine, Samuel Trewin, I. W. Wallace, S. C. Davis, M. B. Townsend, W. A. Taylor, W. L. Laufman, E. L. Odle, E. L. Sincleir, J. A. DeGraff, J. H. Wilcox, A. N. Coors, T. R. Rible, N. E. Gibbs, W. Barth, A. E. Craig, F. H. Nix, C. M. Welch, L. M. Patterson, W. Stacey and E. G. Lewis.

13. Who are traveling deacons of the second class.

W. C. Muffitt ('89), D. D. Martin, A. S. Williams, Granger D. Chase, W. F. Harding, Levi Aler, Alex. T. Luther, Wm. D. Rowland, Irving Engle, Joseph C. Cook, Chas. H. Theobald, Richard A. Wright. John W. Arney.

14. What traveling deacons have been elected elders?

Alfred F. Hart, J. C. Chase, August F. Nagler, George Killeen, John H. Bennett, W. T. Cook, H. C. Chamberlin, Lee L. Tower, W. H. B. Urch, Arthur K. Stewart.

15. What traveling deacons have been ordained elders?

Alfred F. Hart, John C. Chase, August F. Nagler, George Killeen, John H. Bennett, Wm. T. Cook, Howard C. Chamberlin, Arthur K. Stewart, Lee L. Tower, Wm. H. B. Urch.

16. What local deacons have been elected elders?

None.

17. What local deacons have been ordained elders?

None.

18. Who are the supernumerary preachers?

J. W. Reid, Arthur M. Griffith, E. T. Lumber, W. A. Bass, S. Kitzmiller, Eli Wigle, C. S. Fox, S. L. Hamilton, N. D. Marsh, R. Pengelly, S. M. Merritt, Thos. Lyon, B. W. Smith, J. H. Hopkins, Andrew Potter, Wright Barrett, T. J. Hill, H. P. Henderson, C. B. Holding, A. E. Ketchum, H. B. Hunt, A. A. Knappen, D. C. Woodard, H. S. Taft, J. W. White, L. S. Matthews, J. E. White, B. E. Paddock, Geo. S. Hickey, W. H. Brockway, John Graham.

19. Who are the superannuated preachers?

H. D. Jordan, J. Gulick, A. J. Eldred, E. Treadgold, G. A. VanHorn, H. Morgan, J. H. Pitezel, I. Bennett, J. W. Cawthorne, A. C. Beach, A. A. Dunton, J. W. Hollowell, A. Wakefield, F. Glass, T. T. Clark, Chas. Chick, L. J. Griffin, J. S. Harder, L. M. Bennett, W. W. Johnson, G. S. Hicks, F. B. Bangs, B. S. Mills, B. S. Pratt, E. Marble, S. Steele, D. S. Haviland, S. C. Woodard, N. L. Brockway, C. H. Howe, E. D. Bacon, J. Hoyt, A. A. Rolfe, John Hills, J. S. Valentine, W. W. Rork, C. H. Fisher, G. C. Elliott, D. R. Latham, G. Daniels, E. Cooley, A. Hunsberger, E. D. Young, Jas. Roberts, George D. Lee, R. C. Crawford, W. J. Swift.

20. Was the character of each preacher examined?

This was strictly attended to by calling each name in open Conference.

21. Have any died?

Geo. W. Hoag, N. M. Steele, Jno. B. Knott, Gould E. Matthews.

Disciplinary Questions.

22. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?

J. H. Wilcox to West Wisconsin, Geo. H. Bennett to DesMoines.

23. Have any withdrawn?

Delos Cronk.

24. Have any been located at their own request?

Washington Gardner.

25. Have any been located?

None.

26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?

I. W. Peach.

27. Have any been expelled?

None.

28. Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?

W. I. Cogshall, W. R. Stinchcomb, L. Grosenbaugh, J. C. Floyd, F. L. Thompson, Jas. Hamilton, David Engle.

29. What is the statistical report for this Conference year?

(See Statistics.)

30. What are the claims on the Conference fund?

(See Steward's Report.)

31. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?

(See Steward's Report.)

32. Where are the preachers stationed?

(See appointments.)

33. Where shall the next Conference be held?

Second St. Church, Grand Rapids.

APPOINTMENTS.

[The figures indicate the year of service now entered upon.]

ALBION DISTRICT—I. R. A. WIGHTMAN, Presiding Elder.

P. O., Albion.

Albion, J. C. Floyd	3
Battle Creek,	
First Church, G. B. Kulp	1
Maple St., E. O. Mather	1
Bellevue, W. P. Mosher	1
Concord, L. M. Edmonds	1
Eden, W. H. Choate	1
Hanover and Moscow,	
G. W. Tuthill	2
Homer, J. W. Rawlinson	1
Jackson,	
Cooper St., W. H. B. Urch	3
First Church, M. M. Callen	1
Haven, O. E. Wightman	2
Leroy, Uri Mason	1
Leslie, Jas. Webster	4
Liberty, (supply) Wm. Taylor	1
Litchfield, O. S. Paddock	3
Marengo, John Clubine	2
Marshall, J. H. Tanner	3
Mosherville, F. N. Janes	1
Olivet and Partello,	
M. F. Loomis	2
Parma, G. L. Mount	1
*Penfield, Ira T. Welden	1
Springport,	
(Supply) A. M. Griffith	1
Tekonsha, H. C. Chamberlin	1
Tompkins, W. I. Elmer	1

J. H. Potts, editor of the *Michigan Christian Advocate*, member of Jackson First Church Quarterly Conference.

R. C. Welch, Professor in Albion College and member of Albion Quarterly Conference.

*R. J. Floody left the work and Ira T. Welden appointed after Conference.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—D. W. PARSONS, Presiding Elder.

P. O., Big Rapids.

Ashton, Supply, G. H. Hills	1
Big Rapids, J. W. Miller	3
Calkinsville, Wellington Earl	1
Chase,	
Supply (G. H. Johnson)	1
Chippewa Lake, Levi Aler	1
Clare, L. L. Tower	2
Coleman, J. R. Bowen	2
Crystal Valley,	
Supply (C. C. Coors)	2
Dushville, N. M. Barnes	2
Evart, W. L. Laufman	2
Farwell, E. F. Newell	2
Ferry, Supply (A. A. Darling)	1
Free Soil,	
Supply (L. E. Holmes)	1
Fremont, S. C. Tiney	1
Gladwin, A. A. Stephens	2
Harrison, C. W. Smith	1
Hart, Geo. Killeen	2
Hersey, supply.	
Hesperia, J. W. Sheehan	3
Holton, T. R. Rible	2
Howard City, A. F. Nagler	2

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

Ludington,
  1st Church, W. J. Maybee 3
  Fourth Ward and
  Buttersville, E. L. Odle.. 1
Luther, J. C. Beach, ... 4
Manistee, F. L. Thompson 3
Marion,
  Supply (S. M. Howland). 1
Meredith,
  Supply (D. P. Dorrance).. 1
Montague, F. W. Corbett... 2
Morley, W. J. Douglass..... 2
Mt. Pleasant, E. L. Kellogg 1
Paris, C. S. Wheeler 1
Pentwater, A. H. Coors..... 3
Pierson, J. H. Strickland ... 1
Reed City, C. A. Jacokes ... 1
Remus, supply.
Sandford, C. H. Theobald.. 3
Scottville and Riverton
  Indian Mission, supply,
  (C. H. Benson) 1
Sears, L. A. Sevits 1
Shelby, G. A. Buell......... 2
Shepherd, E. L. Sincleir... 3
Sherman City, supply,
  (D. Porterfield) 1
Stanwood and Altona,
  Jacob Marzolf 1
Summit, H. D. Skinner 3
Vandecar and Ind. Mission,
  Supply.
White Cloud, supply,
  (D. E. Briggs)........... 2
Whitehall, A. T. Ferguson.. 1
Woodville, Supply,
  A. S. Jenkins.............1

COLDWATER DISTRICT—N. L. BRAY Presiding Elder.

P. O., Coldwater.

Allen, W. H. Spence....... 1
Athens, E. A. Tanner...... 1
Bronson, W. C. Muffett 1
Burlington,
  Supply, G. N. Gillette.... 1
Burr Oak, L. W. Earl...... 1
Butler, N. R. Woods....... 3
Cambria, E. W. Laing...... 2
Camden, H. L. Rood....... 1
Centreville, J. K. Stark..... 1
Coldwater, Jas. Hamilton... 1
Coldwater Circuit,
  Supply (W. L. V. White).. 1
Colon, Wm. Barth.......... 2
Constantine, J. G. Grozier .. 1
Gilead, J. W. Hart......... 2
Girard, J. P. Dunham 2
Hillsdale, A. E. Craig 2
Jonesville, W. H. Parsons .. 2
Kinderhook,
  H. W. Thompson........ 1
No. Adams, S. C. Strickland 2
Osseo, W. M. Paddock..... 2
Pittsford, supply (Geo. Craig) 1
Quincy, D. C. Riehl........ 1
Ransom,
  Supply (W. J. Tarrant) ... 1
Reading, D. D. Martin..... 1
Sherwood, J. T. Iddings.... 1
Sturgis, J. F. Orwick....... 1
Union City, G. A. Odlum... 1
White Pigeon, H. H. Rood.. 3
Wheatland, J. C. Upton.... 1

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—J. I. BUELL, Presiding Elder.

P. O., Grand Rapids.

Ada, supply (Cyrus Plank).. 1
Ashland, C. A. Cutler 2
Berlin and Lamont,
  A. S. Williams 2

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

Byron Center and Dorr,
W. D. Rowland.......... 1
Caledonia, J. H. Bennett ... 2
Cannonsburg, J. N. Dayton.. 1
Casnovia, C. W. Jones 2
Cedar Springs,
R. N. Middleton......... 1
Coopersville, Geo. Varion... 3
Grand Haven, H. G. Hipp.. 1
Grand Rapids, Ames,
E. H. King.............. 2
Div. St., A. M. Gould 1
East St., Wm. Denman .. 2
Joy Memorial,
W. W. Aylesworth..... 2
Plainfield Ave, W. A. Frye 1
Second St.,
W. H. Thompson...... 1
Grandville, A. H. Yokum... 2
Hastings, W. M. Puffer 3
Hastings Circuit,
Supply, (M. J. Brownell).. 1
Holland, H. S. Bargelt..... 1
Irving, G. E. Hollister 3
Middleville, T. T. George... 4
Muskegon,
W. A. Hunsberger....... 1
C. A. Varnum 1
Newaygo, Richard Shire.... 2
No. Muskegon, C. M. Welch 1
Ravenna,
Supply (C. W. Marshall).. 1
Rockford, John Klose 2
Sparta, J. W. Horner 2
Spring Lake, A. J. Wheeler 1
Wayland, J. W. Buell...... 1
West Olive,
Supply (L. G. McAndrews) 1

A. H. Gillet, agent for the Sunday School Union, member of Division St. Quarterly Conference.

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT—G. W. SHERMAN,

Presiding Elder, P. O., Traverse City.

Alanson,
Supply, E. N. Tracy 1
Alba, E. G. Stevens 1
Almira and Oviatt, Supply.
Bear Lake,
Prentiss Whitman 1
Bellaire, Louis Blanchett ... 1
Benzonia, W. H. Moore.... 2
Boyne City, A. W. Bushee.. 1
Cadillac, R. S. McGregor.. 1
Cadillac Circuit, Supply
Charlevoix, G. S. Barnes... 1
Clarion,
Supply, (J. W. Halliday).. 2
Cross Village, E. W. Wood 1
East Jordan, B. H. Whitman 1
Elk Rapids, Adam Clark.... 1
Fife Lake, O. D. Watkins.. 1
Frankfort, D. O. Ball....... 1
Harbor Springs, Jas. Berry 1
Inland, A. J. Morris........ 1
Ironton, Supply (Jas. Collins) 1
Kalkaskia,
Supply, (G.R. Cotton).... 1
Kingsley, A. N. Henne..... 1
Lake City, G. W. Howe.... 2
Leroy, D. A. Greene....... 2
Mackinaw City, Irving Eagle 1
Mancelona, G. S. Robinson 2
Manton, Willard Heath.... 3
Mavilla and Cleon,
Supply, (W. W. Woods).. 1
Monroe Center,
Supply (Isaac Kenney).... 2
Northport Ind. Mission, Sup.
Norwood, Supply.
Old Mission,
Supply, (J. W. Foy)...... 1
Petoskey, David Engle..... 2
Petoskey, Ind. Mission,
Sup. (John Keway-ge-shik) 1
Sherman, Jas. Allen........ 2

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT—Continued.

Spencer Creek, Supply.
Spring Dale, Sup. (L. A. Jenne) 1
(P. O. Boone)
Stittsville, W. Z. Cole...... 3
Torch Lake and Ind. Mission,
S. P. Hewitt............. 3
Traverse City, G. D. Chase 1
Traverse City Circuit,
Supply (A. J. Eldred).... 1
Williamsburg, Supply.

IONIA DISTRICT—A. P. Moores, Presiding Elder.

P. O., Ionia.

Belding, Wm. Judd........ 3
Bowne, J. W. Steffe........ 1
Carson City,
J. W. Hallenbeck 2
Coral, Supply (J. W. Sutton) 1
Crystal, Supply.
Danby, F. A. VanDeWalker 2
Edmore, W. J. Wilson...... 2
Freeport, Supply,
(G. A. Myers).............1
Greenville, F. C. Lee 1
Greenville Circuit,
John Dobson 3
Hubbardston, L. M. Garlick 2
Ionia, L. E. Lennox........ 1
Lake Odessa, H. R. Hawley 1
Lake View, A. R. Keillor... 1
Langston,
Supply (J. H. Westbrook) 2
Lowell, A. T. Luther....... 4
Lyons and Muir,
F. J. Freeman 2
Orange, Albert Smith 2
Orleans, G. W. Riggs...... 2
Palo, O. J. Golden 2
Portland, R. H. Bready.... 1
Saranac, J. W. Arney 2
Sheridan, N. E. Gibbs..... 2
Stanton, Chas. Nease....... 2
Trufant,
Supply (P. S. Harvey).... 1
Vergennes and Keene,
M. D. Townsend......... 1
Woodland, T. H. Jacokes... 2

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—D. F. Barnes, Presiding Elder.

P. O., Kalamazoo.

Allegan, S. D. McKee...... 1
Augusta, Wm. Jennings.... 1
Banfield, I. W. Wallace.... 1
Bloomingdale, J. C. Chase.. 1
Climax, Geo. Donaldson.. 1
Comstock, H. H. Ford..... 1
Cooper, C. T. VanAntwerp.. 1
Douglass, Supply.
Fennville, Joseph Peschman 1
Galesburg, W. M. Colby.... 1
Ganges, W. W. Divine..... 2
Goblesville,
J. W. McDougall........ 1
Kalamazoo,
1st Church, W. I. Cogshall 2
Simpson, E. V. Armstrong 2
Kendall, W. F. Harding.... 2
Lacota, R. G. Hildred...... 1
Martin, W. W. Lamport.... 1
Mendon, W. P. French..... 2
Mill Grove,
Supply (Wm. VanWickle) 1
Monterey,
Supply (Stillman George) 1
Nottawa and Bradley Ind. Mission,
Supply (Isaac Bennett) 1
Oshtemo, R. W. Tindall.... 1
Otsego, J. P. McCarthy 1
Parkville, J. T. Cook....... 2
Plainwell, R. A. Wright.... 1
Prairieville, Joshua White.. 1

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—Continued.

Richland Supply (R. K. Manaton)..	2
Saugatuck, Wm. Stacey....	1
Schoolcraft, L. M. Patterson	1
South Haven, O. H. Perry	1
Springbrook, A. E. Hawley	1
Three Rivers, J. A. Sprague	3
Vicksburg, A. C. Jones....	2
Wakeshma, L. W. Calkins..	1

LANSING DISTRICT—W. J. Aldrich, Presiding Elder.

(Died September 23, 1890.)

George S. Hickey, Presiding Elder, P. O. Lansing.

Alma, J. W. Vickers	2
Bath, A. W. Burns.........	1
Breckenridge, A. O. Carman	3
Charlotte, A. D. Newton...	1
Dewitt, D. M. Ward.......	3
Eagle, S. I. Horr	1
Eaton Circuit, Supply, W. W. Chatfield..	2
Eaton Rapids, L. DeLamarter	2
Elm Hall, F. L. Niles......	2
Elsie, A. H. Sturgis........	1
Fowler, Jacob Messner	2
Grand Ledge, Edwin Tench	2
Gresham, Thos. Young.....	3
Ithaca,, J. H. Thomas......	1
Lansing, Central Church, Louis Grosenbaugh	1
1st Church, Isaiah Wilson	1
Maple Rapids and Green Bush, W. A. Taylor............	1
Mason, C. L. Barnhart.....	1
Nashville, A. K. Stewart....	2
Okemos, Thos. Riley.......	1
Ovid, P. J. Maveety........	4
Pottersville, M. W. F. Smith.........	1
St. Johns, C. G. Thomas...	2
St. Louis, A. F. Hart......	3
Shepherdsville, Geo. Bullen	2
Sickles and Ashley, Supply (A. E. North).....	1
Vermontville, E. G. Lewis..	1
Wacousta and Delta, J. W. McAllister.........	1
Winfield, Supply (D. Keyes)	1

NILES DISTRICT—Levi Master, Presiding Elder.

P. O., Niles.

Bangor and Breedsville, Arthur Trott.....	1
Benton Harbor, E. B. Patterson..........	4
Berrien Springs, G. W. Gosling...........	3
Buchanan, W. F. Cook.....	1
Cassopolis, J. H. Buttleman	1
Coloma and Watervliet, Robert Bramfitt..........	1
Decatur, W. A. Prouty.....	1
Dowagiac, S. C. Davis.....	1
Eau Claire, I. H. Skinner...	1
Edwardsburg, W. N. Younglove........	2
Galien, Samuel Trewin.....	2
Hartford, J. R. Oden.......	1
Keeler and Silver Creek, J. H. Emmons...........	1
Lawrence, A. N. Eldred....	1
Lawton, E. H. Day	3
Marcellus, W. R. Stinchcomb.......	3
Mattawan, Supply, (H. H. Miller)...	1
Niles, Thos. Cox...........	1

Paw Paw, W. J. Hathaway..	3
Pokagon, I. B. Tallman....	2
St. Joseph, J. W. Carlisle..	3
Stevensville, F. H. Nix....	2
Three Oaks, L. E. Lovejoy	2
Vandalia and Mottville, J. E. Arney..............	2

J. M. Reid, Honorary Corresponding Secretary of Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and member of Niles Quarterly Conference.

H. P. Rankin, J. V. Clancy, Thos. Nicholson, J. S. Montgomery, M. A. Jacokes, C. J. Sonnema, L. B. Kenyon, R. R. Wightman and J. A. DeGraff left without appointment to allow them to attend school.

M. D. Carrell, Epworth League department of Book Concern, member of St. Joseph Quarterly Conference.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATIONS.

This certifies that at Muskegon, Michigan, on Sunday, September 14, A. D. 1890, the following persons were duly ordained by the undersigned, assisted in the case of the Elders, by other Elders: viz.

I. To the office of Elders:

Alfred F. Hart, Geo. Killeen, Howard C. Chamberlin, John C. Chase, John H. Bennett, Arthur K. Stewart, Wm. H. B. Urch, August F. Nagler, Wm. T. Cook, Lee L. Tower.

II. To the office of Deacons:

Howard D. Skinner, Arthur Trott, Isaac W. Wallace, Wm. A. Taylor, John A. DeGraff, Thos. R. Rible, Albert A. Stephens, Wm. J. Wilson, Fred W. Corbitt, Wm. W. Divine, Frank H. Nix, Wm. L. Laufman, Jas. H. Wilcox, Norman E. Gibbs, Adam Clark, J. Scott Ward, Lovett Jenne, Herbert H. Rood, Samuel Trewin, Morris B. Townsend, Edwin L. Odle, August H. Coors, Wm. Barth, Jas. Miller, Hale H. Miller.

Given under my hand this 15th day of September, A. D. 1890, at Muskegon, Michigan.

Edward G. Andrews.

The foregoing Journal of the daily session, together with the reports following, is a correct and complete record of the proceedings of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the year 1890, and was by vote of the Conference, made the official Journal.

H. D. Cogshall
Secretary.

Muskegon, Michigan, September 16, A. D. 1890.

ANNIVERSARIES AND SUNDAY SERVICES.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH.

At 2 P. M. was held the annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. Moores, the President, was unable to be present, owing to illness. The meeting was opened with the usual devotional exercises, and Miss Dr. Meta Howard, late a missionary in Corea, addressed the assembly, giving an interesting account of her entrance upon the missionary work, her journey to Corea, and her experiences as a medical missionary there, together with incidental descriptions of that strange country and people.

At 7:30 P. M., of the same day was held the Anniversary of the Freedmen' Aid and Southern Educational Society. R. C. Crawford presided and Dr. J. C. Hartzell delivered a characteristic address.

THURSDAY.

At 2:30 P. M., meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society, addressed by Dr. J. C. Hartzell and others.

Evening, at 7:30, Anniversary of Church Extension Society, addressed by Dr. W. A. Spencer.

FRIDAY.

At 2:30 P. M., Semi-Centennial Sermon, by Rev. Francis B. Bangs, for more than fifty years in the ministry.

Evening, at 7:30, meeting in the interests of education, addressed by Dr. Fiske of Albion College, Rev. Washington Gardner and others.

SATURDAY.

At 2:30, P. M., missionary sermon by Rev. W. A. Hunsberger.

Evening, at 7:30, annual meeting of Sunday School Union, address by Dr. A. H. Gillet.

SUNDAY MORNING

Bishop Andrews preached and ordained a class of 25 to the order of deacons.

At 3 P. M. Bishop Andrews ordained a class of 12 to the order of elders. Following this were held the memorial services for our departed brothers and sisters who have died this year.

REPORTS.

A

CASE OF M. H. SHERMAN.

We the undersigned, the select committee to hear the appeal of Manly H. Sherman from the Okemos Quarterly Conference, after investigation, have come to the following decision: That the case be remanded for a new trial.

T. H. JACOKES, Pres.
JAS. N. DAYTON,
H. R. HAWLEY,
L. W. EARL,
G. W. TUTHILL,
F. B. BANGS,
W. R. STINCHCOMB,
B. H. WHITMAN,
GEO. B. KULP,
WM. J. DOUGLASS,
E. B. PATTERSON, Sec'y.

B

CASE OF J. W. ARNEY.

Your Committee, to whom were referred certain rumors and publications concerning Rev. John W. Arney, would respectfully report:

That in their opinion there can be little question concerning most of the facts in the case. Brother Arney was in the habit of keeping one or more horses. He did this for exercise and personal pleasure, as well as for the possibility of pecuniary profit by their sale, especially after they had been thoroughly trained. In some cases of special promise he sent them to professional trainers. He avers to us that his conscience never indicated to him that this was wrong, and denies to us the truthfulness of many of the unwise and improper things attributed to him by sundry newspaper interviewers, and notably the alleged interview by the *Muskegon Chronicle*, of September 11th, which he never had with that paper. There can be as little doubt about the horse race, of which so much has been said, to the damage of this brother's ministerial character, and the injury of the cause of Christ. He originated a horse matinee among his immediate neighbors and friends who had fast horses, and it grew into consequence and importance until it was called a race. Indeed, it had, as usual in races, an entrance fee, though small, for the horses, and a gate fee, and there were some insignificant premiums for the winning horses. This money he gave to the drivers; and it does not appear to be true, as stated in some of the papers that Brother A's. horses were ever in races at Saginaw or Ionia, although some of his horses were there for speed training. At Saranac, on the 26th of July, 1890, they were winners, and Brother A. was congratulated by the crowd in the usual way. There does not appear to have been any betting at this race. Against this Brother Arney guarded by declaring that any act of betting would lead to the exclusion from the ground of the horse upon which the wager was laid. Before the race came off the matter had got into the papers and Brother A's. Presiding Elder wrote to him, expressing the opinion that it could not be true that he was getting up a race, and advising him to withdraw from all connection with it. Brother A. replied in respectful terms, but thought he had gone so far, that he was in honor bound to see it through.

Brother Arney appeared before the committee and made the following statement:

"I certainly did commit a very imprudent act when I committed myself to the project of having a horse race at Saranac on July 26th. Having obligated myself, as a Methodist minister, not to attend horse races, I committed a great wrong when I stepped aside and participated in this one. I certainly regret this imprudence and sincerely regret the notoriety that has come from that transaction, and am very sorry for the harm which may have ensued to the church. I desire also to say that neither by my act, or in my belief can I endorse this idea of ministers engaging in such practices as public horse racing."

And Brother Arney further stated that while he remains a Methodist minister he will never again engage in horse racing, and that he expects to remain a Methodist minister as long as he lives.

Your Committee recommended the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Michigan Annual Conference places the seal of its unqualified disapprobation upon all attendance upon horse races, as expressly forbidden in section 242 of the Discipline, and very demoralizing in their character; and we cannot approve of our ministers training horses or trafficking in them. Indeed, we believe, as we were reminded at our ordination to this holy office, that we should, "As much as lieth in us apply ourselves to this one thing, and draw all our cares and studies this way."

J. M. Reid, Chairman.
Jno. C. Floyd, Sec'y.
W. I. Cogshall,
John K. Stark,
Wesley A. Hunsberger,
J. W. H. Carlisle,
M. M. Callen,
J. W. Miller,
John Graham,
Committee.

C

Findings of the Committee of Inquiry, Case of J. G. Crozier.

Your Committee have carefully considered all the statements made, and while we believe that the language used by Brother Crozier was unguarded and indiscreet; yet we believe there was no immoral intent, and we therefore recommend that his character pass.

Geo. S. Hickey,
Geo. Varion,
J. R. Bowen,
Judson P. Durham,
F. J. Freeman,
S. D. McKee,
Frederic C. Lee,
G. W. Gosling,
C. A. Jacokes,
Committee.

D

Report of Committee on Conference Claimants.

Your Committee on Conference Claimants beg leave to present the following report:

As the Committee was so widely separated throughout the Conference, it was deemed unadvisable by the Chairman to incur the expense of a meeting of the Committee.

Hence, what was done in the way of planning, etc., was done by way of correspondence, whereby it was agreed to attempt to raise 30 cents per member and to do so by the card system, omitting the programs. Accordingly several members of the Committee, and others at their request, brought this matter prominently before the churches through the *Michigan Christian Advocate*, during the months of November and December; and December 22, 1889 was fixed as "Historical Day" and all the pastors were earnestly requested to observe it wherever it was practicable to do so.

The Chairman, Rev. G. S. Barnes, then prepared a collection card and had 40,000 copies printed at a cost of $35.00, also a circular letter to pastors. He also mailed them to all the pastors in the Conference, at a cost for postage stamps of $10.36. Interest on the same at 1 per cent. to date, $3.18, making a total expense of $48.54, which, in our judgment, largely increased the collections wherever the plan was accepted and the cards were used. Therefore your committee would recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions, viz:

Resolved, I. That "Historical Day" this year be fixed for the first Sunday in December, 1890 and that all our pastors be requested to observe it.

Resolved II. That the Conference Committee on "Conference Claimants" be hereby instructed to prepare 40,000 cards and a Circular letter to the pastors, omitting the programs and get them into the hands of the pastors as soon as the first of November next.

Resolved, III. That 30 cents per member, at least, throughout the entire Conference, should be raised next year, by *Collections alone* for this Conference claimants fund.

Resolved, IV. That the Conference Treasurer be instructed to pay to G. S. Barnes, from the Conference Collections, for Conference Claimants, the sum of $48.54, advanced by him for cards, printing, postage, etc. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

G. S. Barnes, Pres.
L. E. Lennox,
H. C. Chamberlin,
L. M. Edmonds, Sec'y.

E

Mission Auditing Committee.

September 13, 1890.

The Mission Auditing Committee, having examined the receipts of the Presiding Elders, report that they have compared the same with the Missionary appropriations and find them all correct.

J. W. Miller,
D. A. Green,
G. W. Tuthill.

F

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

From Albion District	$ 4,963 41	
" Big Rapids	2,968 10	
" Coldwater	3,403 95	
" Grand Rapids	3,949 80	
" Grand Traverse	1,217 40	
" Ionia	2,333 00	
" Kalamazoo	3,596 70	
" Lansing	3,925 60	
" Niles	2,517 01	
Total from Districts		$28,874 97
From Book Concern	$ 2,117 00	
" Methodist Pub. Co.	1,362 55	
" Interest on Bissell Fund	166 45	
" O. F. Pierce Fund	30 57	
" Parkhurst Fund	18 55	
" Chartered Fund	30 00	
		$3,725 12
Conference money carried over	$ 3 36	
Minute Money Raised	168 13	
Conference expense	46 50	
Total from all sources		$32,818 08
For Missions in 1889	$13,723 15	
" " " 1890	13,960 98	
From Book Concern, 1889	2,070 00	
" " " 1890	2,117 00	
" Methodist Pub. Co., 1889	1,097 96	
" " " " 1890	1,362 55	
For Con. Claim, 1889	9,363 83	
" " " 1890	10,090 48	
Total from all sources, 1889	31,265 81	
" " " " 1890	32,818 08	
Increase	1,552 27	
Raised by Collections in 1889	6,271 81	
Raised for Con. Claim by collection	6,365 36	
Increase	93 55	

W. J. HATHAWAY, Con. Treas.

G.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Effort has been made throughout the year to systematize the work and bring the entire Conference into correspondence with the Chairman of the Epworth League Committee.

The summaries herewith presented are collected from the reports of the several districts and are believed to be very nearly exact.

136 charges have regularly organized Epworth Leagues, with a membership of 5724. 149 of our charges are still unorganized. There are 24 Junior Leagues, with a total membership of 1121. During the year 11 District Conventions have been held, besides a number of League days at the several Campmeetings.

Regarding the proportion of charges organized, Niles district heads the list, followed in order by Lansing, Albion, Grand Rapids, Coldwater, Ionia, Big Rapids, Kalamazoo and Grand Traverse. If the total membership be the basis of relation, the order changes to Lansing at the head, followed closely by Grand Rapids, Niles, Albion, Coldwater, Big Rapids, Ionia, Grand Traverse and Kalamazoo. Albion, Coldwater, Ionia and Kalamazoo districts have no Junior Leagues, while Grand Traverse and Ionia have held no district conventions. We call especial attention to the following elements of the work within the bounds of our Conference.

1. District Organization: The District League is the key to the situation. We recommend that as soon as possible after Conference the Conference Corresponding Secretary and the several District Corresponding Secretaries come together and plan a campaign that shall last a year and reach the smallest preaching place on the smallest circuit.

2. Local Chapters: 149 charges not organized, more than one-half; to be sure nearly one-half in a single year is inspiring; yet these unorganized charges are precisely the ones most needing the League. They must be reached this year, and the last one of them reached.

3. *The Epworth Herald*: It is the best kind of a paper for the older and adult classes in our Sunday Schools. We recommend it to the consideration of Sunday School Boards for this purpose. All Leagues "look up," of course, we recommend that, with a strong grip, all lay hold of the *Herald* circulation and "lift up" to that 50,000 notch—and beyond.

4. The Bay View Epworth League Building: At the Bay View Assembly the Epworth League voted to build a headquarters at a cost of about $2,000. We recommend this enterprise to the leaguers within our borders and request from them contributions of from 10 to 25 cents each.

We are glad that so much has been accomplished, but forgetting the things that are behind we press forward toward the better things, and then still on to the best.

F. L. Thompson,
S. L. Hamilton,
G. S. Hicley,
J. K. Stark.

H

Sanctity of the Sabbath.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the Sanctity of the Sabbath desire to make the following report:

This is a Christian nation, as such there are certain institutions which naturally adhere to it, viz: The Christian Church, the Christian Sabbath, and the right to worship God. Indeed, there seems to be little need of any lengthy argument to prove that a free, Christian nation was the purpose of the forefathers, the founders of the Republic, and with this end in view most of the colonies had in their laws some recognition of religion and the Sabbath from their earliest times. In fact, they came here with a purpose to make the new world an asylum for the persecuted, but pious of all the earth, and every state in the Union, with a few exceptions has taken action on this subject. These laws show that the thought of the people of to-day is very largely in favor or the Christian Sabbath.

The Sabbath has its foundation in the needs of a toiling, worshipping race, of whom the Lord said, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." God has said, by the mouth of his servant Moses, "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." This is an evidence of God's tender regard for man, and obeyed, becomes a precious boon to a weary sinful world. The importance of obedience to this cannot be over estimated. It affords a common rest day for all, as well as an opportunity to assemble and listen to the utterances of the pulpit, and worship before the Lord our God.

Our Republic must have a Sabbath, a rest day, a worship day. Its influence upon us is a benediction, and its observance one of the chief glories of the nation. But it is assailed, its benefits ridiculed, and this chief and best of days is, especially in our cities and towns, largely ignored.

It is assailed, first: By the emigrant, as he comes here with his own notions of what a Sabbath is, and what it should be. He regards himself as under no especial obligation in this land of liberty, to observe the day other than as a day of feasting, drinking and merry-making. A holy day of worship and rest he does not know. European Sabbaths ought not to, and must not obtain here.

A second foe to the Sabbath is the saloon, with its doors open seven days in the week and fifty-two weeks in the year, doing its awful work. Law breaking, God defying, soul damning, and yet a licensed saloon.

A third foe: The vast soulless corporations, seeking only investments, and to make every dollar used return the largest possible dividend to the company, whether it be railroad or mining, Standard Oil, or publishing interests. No matter who is disturbed, these interests must not suffer by stopping one day in seven, though thousands of worshipping congregations be disturbed by the screaming whistle, or the rumbling train, or the shout of the news-boy. "Business is business and business must be pushed."

A fourth foe is the criminal disrespect for the day, as shown by many members of the Christian Church in the growing practice of Sabbath visiting and pleasure seeking. These pleasure seeking throngs are every where, on Sunday excursion trains, at Sunday picnics, at Sunday gatherings of all kinds; and thus our Sabbath, so priceless to us all, is being overthrown in the house of its professed friends.

The remedy for these assaults must be found in a deeper regard for the law of God. We need sharp and clear utterances from the sacred desk of the, "Thus saith the Lord," till the public Christian conscience is aroused along these lines, and men shall feel that for the sake of profit, God's law cannot be ignored. To so preach that no Christian can possibly go on a liquor bond, or vote to license the greatest foe to the Christian Sabbath, the open saloon, ought to be our object. Finally that this subject be brought before our people more often than in the past, until they are aroused over the matter so much that the Sunday newspaper, Sunday pleasure seeking, Sunday gate fees at our camp-meetings, and anything which has the appearance of evil among us should awaken the strongest opposition. Indeed, in these times of haste to be rich, it becomes us all as Christians to use the utmost vigilance, lest this day, fundamental to our civil and religious life be stealthily taken from us and we be thus robbed of its blessed benefits forever.

Resolved, That we as a Conference endorse the appeal made by the American Sabbath Union, to the Commissioners of the World's Exposition, to be held in 1893, at Chicago, asking that they do not permit it to be open to the public on the Sabbath day.

I

REPORT ON THE STATE REVIVAL BAND.

The State Revival Band has done a great work in the conversion of sinners and sanctification of believers. Its influence for good has been felt in every field in which it has been called to operate. The possibility of future usefulness is cheering and inspiring. So far as your committee could ascertain in regard to the work of the Band it is deserving of the hearty sympathy and co-operation of all the Presiding Elders and every pastor in the Michigan Conference.

It is proposed to put a superintendent in the field if a suitable person can be found, who shall devote all his time to evangelistic work. The fields are white to harvest. Urgent calls from every part of our Conference, and the regions beyond are constantly received; therefore,

Resolved. That as a Conference we continue to recognize the great value of this evangelistic movement in our churches, and heartily endorse the Revival Band in its great work of saving souls and spreading scriptural holiness over the land.

ISAIAH WILSON.
J. W. RAWLINSON.
JOHN GRAHAM.

J

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In examining the state of the Church we find much that is gratifying and encouraging, for which we would offer thanks to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Looking at the condition of the Church we find the following facts: For the last few years there has been a great increase in ministerial support, and last year the increase was greater than in any previous year. The number of churches and parsonages, and the amount of church property have rapidly increased each year. The number of church members has also increased every year over the preceding year, for the last five years at least.

We are glad to note also that there has been a yearly increase in the amount of missionary contributions. We expect soon to hear the cry for two millions for missions. While the missionary collections have been increasing some of the other collections have fallen off, they have evidently been neglected in order to swell the Missionary and Conference Claimants' collections. We would recommend that each collection should have its proportion of the amounts raised for Church benevolences.

While the number of infant baptisms has been more for the last year than in any previous year, the fact should be deplored that there are so many Methodist parents who neglect to bring their little children into covenant relation with God, by having the seal of his covenant placed upon them.

It is the humble opinion of your Committee that if we would save the youth of the land for Christ and the Church, more attention must be given to rearing the children for God. We must see to it that our children are converted young and properly cared for afterwards.

We are pleased to note the rapid growth of the Epworth League. We would recommend, that as far as possible, all of our young people should be encouraged to take the League pledge, and that the religious part of the work should always be kept most prominent.

In the spiritual state of the Church there are encouraging and hopeful signs. The doctrine of Scriptural Holiness is being faithfully taught at all of our campmeetings and in many of our pulpits, and many of our ministers and people are coming into the blessed experience of "Perfect love."

May God hasten the day when we shall all see that God has but one standard of religious life, viz: Perfect love to God and love to men, as to ourselves.

Great numbers, also during the past year have been converted to God, for which we offer praise and thanksgiving to God, and pray that the number may be greatly multiplied during the year to come.

W. P. Mosher,
Isaiah Wilson,
J. W. Rawlinson,
W. M. Puffer,
P. J. Maveety,
Committee.

International Arbitration.

Whereas, The Michigan Annual Conference has received the "Overture" of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, concerning war and international arbitration, we hereby express our approval of any movement leading to the entire abolition of war, and the establishment of arbitration as a means of adjusting all differences between nations. Also hereby, authorize our President and Secretary to sign the petition on the subject, addressed "to the several Governments of the Christian Nations of the world," and we also hereby appoint J. M. Reid, D. D., a delegate to the proposed Peace Congress to be held some time in 1891.

P. J. Maveety,
For the Committee on State of the Church.

L.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

The families that read our Church periodicals are the best families to help our churches. They are the families in which we most expect all the children to be consecrated to the Lord, and to become valuable members of the Church. For that reason, like our German Methodists, we should endeavor to have a Church paper in every family attached to our membership.

Those members who carefully read our Church periodicals are the most faithful to fulfil their disciplinary vows, to contribute according to their ability to the support of the Gospel, and the various benevolent enterprises of the Church. Our stewards find such members their main dependence. Our pastors have to rely mostly upon them for help in benevolences. Hence we should encourage every member to be a reader of our church periodicals. Especially is it so with reference to official members. That Annual Conference did well when it suggested that no one could properly fill an official position unless a subscriber to a church paper.

As preachers we need to be examples in reference to such reading. We should take a sufficient number of church papers to keep well informed about all the general and connectional interests of Methodism. We should have a good understanding of the periodical publications of our Sunday School Union, as well as those of the great benevolent societies of our Church. And our Methodist Review should have a conspicuous place upon our tables.

We are pleased to note that Methodism constantly advances, not only in the quantity but also in the quality of its periodicals. Our Sunday School papers and periodical helps are the best we have ever had. Our Missionary Society, by publishing "Gospel in all Lands" has rendered a great service to the cause of missions. And our Missionary Secretaries enterprise, in publishing "World Wide Missions" is to be highly commended.

The Epworth Herald should have special commendation by this Conference. Its Editor, one of our beloved Michigan brethren, is making a most excellent paper for our young people. Every young Methodist, and every other Methodist who wishes to keep his heart young, should read that paper every week.

The *Methodist Review*, under its new management, while never more profitable to our preachers has come to be very helpful to our most intelligent laymen. Its new features have made it a great help to our younger preachers. They do well every month to spend hours over its solid pages.

Our Church Advocates never were more vigorously edited. Dr. Edwards is increasing in his ever fresh and pertinent editorials in the *North Western*. Dr. Moore allows not a line of dull reading in the *Western*; Dr. Buckley, with every year, improves the *New York Advocate*, and all the other Advocates are managed excellently.

The Michigan Christian Advocate has had a marvelous success. Ten years ago its most ardent friends never expected to see its present great subscription list. With a limited territory, having but few subscribers outside of Michigan, it has come to have a larger subscription list than some of the older and official Advocates. This wonderful prosperity is due largely to the desire of its chief Editor, Rev. Dr. Potts, to have it especially adapted to Michigan Methodism. It deserves to be in the hands of every Methodist in this Commonwealth.

We present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we will seek to have a Methodist paper in every household represented in our churches.

Resolved, That every member of this Conference should be a subscriber to the *Methodist Review*, and also encourage professional laymen to do the same.

Resolved, That we will encourage our Epworth Leagues to have large subscription lists for the *Epworth Herald*.

Resolved, That we will earnestly exert ourselves to bring the subscription list of the *Michigan Christian Advocate* up to twenty thousand.

By your direction, we have had under consideration a question submitted by the General Book Committee to each Annual Conference. The question is, "Ought the Book Agents, in the distribution of dividends to take into account the fact that some of the Conferences patronize and receive financial aid from periodicals not published by the Book Concern, or that others support papers whose circulation is at the expense of our General Conference organs, whose profits go to make dividends?" Our reply is that we do not see that our Book Agents are at liberty to deviate from the plain directions, concerning the distribution of such dividends, as mentioned in paragraphs 310 and 429 in our Book of Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Barnhart,
Frederic C. Lee,
G. D. Chase,
Committee.

M

Sunday Schools and Tracts.

We note with pleasure the rapid growth of our Sunday School work. About 1000 schools with nearly 500,000 scholars were added last year. Notwithstanding this great increase there is much unoccupied territory and many thousands of children and youth of our land who never attend the Sunday School nor receive its hallowed influence.

While there remains one wanderer from the fold the Methodist church and Sunday School knows no respite, but demands unconditional surrender to our Lord Jesus Christ. Hence we push the battle to the gate and endeavor to rescue every soul for whom Christ died. Our motto is, "A Sunday School within the reach of all, and every child in the Sunday School." To do this all of our Sunday Schools should be organized into missionary societies, to train its members to do missionary work by 'Going out into the highways and hedges and compelling others to come in,' to help to establish schools where there are none, by giving liberally to the Sunday School Union of our Church.

We notice with gratitude the amount of $4,891 given last year by the Sunday Schools of the Michigan Conference to the missionary work of the church, an advance of more than $1,100 over the previous year. But we believe that the amount can be greatly increased by diffusing missionary intelligence. For this we heartily recommend the use of "Benevolence cards'" issued by Rev. W. M. Ward, a member of the Detroit Conference: "The Little Missionary," "World Wide Missions," "A Gospel in all Lands," and other literature published by our Church.

The direct aim of every true officer and teacher is the immediate conversion of the scholars. This is uppermost in heart and mind during the preparation and presentation of each lesson. The youth of our country must be saved largely through this agency. That every teacher may be more thoroughly equipped for this work we recommend the study of the Bible and Sunday School course prescribed by the Bay View Assembly, and that when practicable, an auxiliary class be organized in each Sunday School. The scholars must be taught to be church members as well as Christians. The church must be endeared to the children through the Sunday School. To do this we must teach our doctrine and polity. We believe this can be best accomplished by the use of our own most excellent lesson helps, and therefore earnestly recommend their exclusive use in all our schools. We heartily appreciate the work of the Tract Society in sending forth millions of pages of religious matter, forming a leaven which must work and spread until it saves the world. We bespeak for the society an increase over the hearty support that it has ever received from the Church in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
R. N. Middleton,
Chairman.

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WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your Committee on the W. F. M. S. submit the following report:

In this society we see one of the most effective agencies, under the direction of Almighty God, for the evangelization of the world. We behold the blessing of the Father upon it, manifest in the marvelous growth which has attended its history of twenty-one years. And notwithstanding that this year it has lost two of its most staunch workers and supporters, in the death of Mrs. Elizabeth A. B. Hoag and Catherine Elizabeth Queal, the work is going forward with marked improvement and success.

Their financial report of this year of $48,883, shows a net gain over the previous year of $3,305. To show the earnest work of the loyal women of the Michigan Conference we note the fact that they stand second in the great North Western Branch, the Rock River Conference being the only Conference in advance.

Their force of workers in foreign fields has been much enlarged this year. It is impossible in this brief report to give any definite idea of the extent of the great work accomplished by these elect ladies. They now report ninety-six missionaries, one hundred assistant missionaries and Zenana workers, three hundred Bible women, more than two hundred city and village schools, with $277,000 invested in orphanages, hospitals and mission homes in foreign lands.

In view of the great work accomplished by this Society,

Resolved, That we grant their petition, when asking for a representation at every District Ministerial meeting, at every campmeeting and Conference, wherever practicable, and that we pledge them our earnest and hearty co-operation in organizing auxiliaries and extending the work of this society.

E. F. NEWELL,
A. T. LUTHER,
A. W. BURNS.

O

FREEDMEN'S AID REPORT.

Your Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, having carefully considered the work assigned them, desire to report that under the blessing of God, the needs of the Freedmen and Southern Education are now much nearer the heart and sympathy of the church, and a general acknowledgment that the cause is of God. We are not competent to estimate all the good that has already come to this great nation, morally and religiously, because of the money given and work done through this society, therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily approve the proposed Quarter-Centennial Jubilee of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society during the year 1891.

Resolved, That we will co-operate with the Board of managers and officers of the Society in securing a more thorough presentation of this cause and the good results gained during the past twenty-five years to all our congregations, and urge a more liberal contribution to meet the $3,075 already apportioned by the Board to this Conference.

J. H. TANNER,
E. V. ARMSTRONG,
S. L. HAMILTON,
WM. JUDD,
JAS. N. DAYTON.

P

CONFERENCE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Your Committee appointed to prepare a plan for a Temperance Society for this Conference would respectfully report as follows:

Resolved. That the Michigan Conference Society shall be composed of all the members and probationers of the Conference, and shall hold its annual meeting during the session of the Annual Conference, at such a time and place as the Committee on Temperance may direct.

The officers shall be a president, vice president, secretary, who shall also be treasurer, and a board of managers, one from each District. The Standing Committee on Temperance shall arrange a program for the anniversary of the Society at each session of the Conference.

We recommend the following officers for the present year, who shall also be the Committee on Temperance:

President, M. M. Callen; Vice Pres., A. J. Eldred; Secretary and Treas., E. H. King.

Managers, Albion, G. W. Tuthill; Big Rapids, G. A. Buell; Coldwater, J. F. Orwick; Grand Rapids, W. A. Frye; Grand Traverse, J. K. Stark; Ionia, Albert Smith; Kalamazoo, O. H. Perry; Niles, I. B. Tallman; Lansing, P. J. Maveety.

J. W. HALLENBECK,
J. F. ORWICK,
R. C. CRAWFORD,
Committee.

Q

Parsonages and Furniture.

In view of the elaborate report and excellent recommendations of the Committee of last year we desire to endorse the same, emphasizing the first, second and third resolutions, merely recommending in addition thereto, that more careful attention be given to sanitary measures and precautions, in the selection of sites for barns, wells, outbuildings, etc, that the health and lives of our ministers and their families be not endangered thereby.

Respectfully submitted,
O. E. Wightman,
F. W. Corbett,
W. P. French.

R

Auditing Committee's Report.

Your Committee appointed to audit the account of Rev. W. H. Brockway, Treasurer of the Educational Society of the Michigan Conference, find the account correct with the exception of a voucher for $15.00, paid to W. Ishizaka, the Japanese student; Brother Brockway was sick at the time. He will get this voucher and complete the report.

We take pleasure in commending the efficient work of the Treasurer for the year.

A. T. Luther,
F. N. Janes,
D. Engle,
Committee.

S

District Records.

Your Committee on District Conference Records beg leave to report that they have examined the records of Ionia, Albion and Big Rapids Districts and find them correct.

J. C. Beach,
J. W. H. Carlisle,
R. S. McGregor,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance constitutes one of the first subjects for legislation, both as pertains to divine and human government.

Governments are rightfully maintained for the protection and highest welfare of the subject.

The greatest good to the governed can only be attained by the exclusion of the harmful and the moderate use of the helpful. The office of government is to exclude and prohibit the former, and throw every possible safeguard around the latter.

To license the harmful is to classify it with the helpful, and an attempt to cover the wolf with the sheep's clothing of respectability. Hence, while temperance people are struggling to elevate public sentiment, for the purpose of protecting society from the devastations of alcohol, the dealers in rum advocate license, or, if unable to do better, local option, hoping hereby to divert attention from prohibition, to relieve this infernal business of odium and to obtain a balance of power in public sentiment in favor of a restricted traffic. They are thus entrenching themselves within the strong bulworks of the State.

The corrupting license element has threaded its way through the whole warp and woof of our great governmental fabric.

This omnipresent legalized traffic is debauching the public conscience, lowering public sentiment, and paralyzing public courage. Temperance people, who sustain license and other rum legislation are fighting against themselves, and a surrender to, a compromise with, or a revolt from rum is the inevitable result.

This cancerous growth upon the body politic is a greater disgrace, and a darker crime than was American slavery.

Slavery was sectional, rum as sanctioned by government, is almost universal. It envelopes our whole country. It annually recruits from our children and youth 100,000 to fill its ever decimating ranks of inebriates. It disgraces and criminates the state before all foreign courts, even launching its tons of liquid poison upon the unsuspecting heathen. Thus the traffic interferes with mission work, withering and blighting the occasional oasis which is found in the vast desert of heathenism.

This business, because of mutual interest, on account of its profitableness, and because of its revenue and political influence has become the greatest corruptor of conscience, from the humblest citizen to the highest official. We may well rejoice over the separation of church and state, and the non-partisan character of religious bodies maintained in this country, but the lack of moral power exerted by the church upon the state is most unassuring

The church should be the dominating, moulding element in the realm of morals.

The moral law of the government of God, as given in His written word, is the true model and source of authority for our legislators.

The church should rise to the dignity of her position, and demand moral purity in state legislation. But "Faith without works is dead," likewise prayer alone, or even supplemented by the ordinary evangelizing methods, so far as any direct purification of the state is concerned, is unavailing.

To add to our faith the works of the sanctified ballot of the church means the purification of party politics, the exaltation of the state, the subjugation of polygamy, immorality and rum.

We are not, like Rome, to seek to wield the secular arm, but unlike her, we should secure and maintain the balance of power in the realm of moral principle.

The state should make the laws and administer the same, but the church should be able to dictate the moral principle of these laws and the spirit in which they are executed. Unless the church fulfills her obligation in this respect she will deservedly suffer. The greatest opportunity of all time is now presented to her. Political demagogues clearly see the danger to their cause, should this latent power of the church become operative. They raise the false alarm, "Politics in the pulpit," for the purpose of keeping the pulpit out of politics.

The seat of culpability is not vested in the drink habit, or even in the rum traffic, but in the misguided and stultified conscience that licenses this business. License is strongly fortified in our politics and valiantly defended by political leaders.

The foe must be met and vanquished upon his own chosen field; to do less is cowardly and unworthy a Christian soldier.

Through the glass of united action we see victory for prohibition.

Labor Unions are regarded as efficient for aiding the laboring classes.

There should be a church union of action that shall speedily bring prohibition.

Political revolution upon this subject is of the utmost importance for the accomplishment of the work.

The 50,000 clergymen and 20,000,000 church communicants of this country have it in their power to effect such a revolution.

All good people should see eye to eye at the ballot box upon the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic, "United we stand, divided we fall," therefore,

Resolved, *1*. That the steady increase of the amount of spirituous liquors consumed, and consequent increase of drunkenness is reason for great alarm, and should incite to more careful inquiry as to methods of prevention.

Resolved, *2*. That we regard the license system as the strongest bulwork of the traffic, as a false and corrupting educator, a disgrace to the state and a crimination of the citizen who sustains it.

Resolved, 3. That in view of the far reaching influence of this most powerful monopoly, it is our conviction that nothing less than constitutional statutory prohibition, state and national, will be able to effect its overthrow.

Resolved, 4. That local option is contrary to the genius of the American government, not in harmony with the Golden Rule and therefore should not be permitted to divert us from the main issue.

Resolved, 5. That we deeply regret and unqualifiedly disapprove the use of intoxicants at the public gatherings of our National Capitol; and that we also emphatically disapprove of the property interest which the next to our highest official sustains to the liquor business.

Resolved, 6. That we pledge ourselves to persistent effort for the crystalization of temperance sentiment and the unification of temperance and prohibitory effort, and that we will never cease our opposition to the saloon.

Resolved, 7. That we endorse the statement of our Bishops, that the liquor traffic "Can never be licensed without sin."

STEWARD'S REPORT.

In the distribution of the funds in our hands for the superannuates we have observed three things, viz:

The necessity of the Claimants, the time of service and loyalty to the Church.

Received from Treasurer	$ 10,091 48
Balance from last year	7 43
Total	10,098 91
Disbursed and distributed as follows:	
Bills of Conference Claimants Committee	48 54
Printing and postage	5 33
Cash on hand	3 04
To Conference Claimants	10,042 00
Total	10,098 91
To Claimants severally	
Mrs. J. C. Ambrose, Auburn, Cal.	119 00
Charles Austin	10 00
Rev. F. B. Bangs, Eaton Rapids	170 00
Mrs. W. M. Ball, Albion	125 00
Rev. I. Bennett, Quincy	174 00
Rev. L. M. Bennett, Ann Arbor	80 00

Reports

Mrs. Geo. Bignall, Smyrna	120 00
Mrs. V. G. Boynton, Mattawan	160 00
Mrs. J. Boynton, Stanton	94 00
Rev. N. L. Brockway, Agnew	198 00
Mrs. Laura Bronson, Lathrop, Mo.	110 00
Mrs. David Burns, Albion	159 00
Mrs. E. Beard, Albion	120 00
Rev. A. C. Beach, Belding	140 00
Rev. J. W. Cawthorn, Millbrook	154 00
Mrs. E. C. Chambers, Manistee	159 00
Rev. T. Clark, Grand Rapids	198 00
Rev. C. Chick, Whitehall	120 00
Mrs. Eliza Cleghorn,	119 00
Mrs. Wm. Coplin	40 00
Mrs. T. J. Congdon, Los Gatos, Cal.	119 00
Rev. E. Cooley, Battle Creek	198 00
Rev. R. C. Crawford, Grand Rapids	140 00
Rev. G. Daniels, Denver, Col.	140 00
Mrs. E. H. Dissette, Albion	178 00
Mrs. Wm. Doust, Lansing	120 00
Mrs. B. F. Doughty, Grand Rapids	40 00
Rev. Jas. Draper, Mears	139 00
Rev. A. A. Dunton, Shackelford, Va.	120 00
Mrs. W. W. Elder, Indianapolis, Ind.	140 00
Rev. A. J. Eldred, Traverse City	120 00
Rev. G. C. Elliott, Dowagiac	100 00
Mrs. N. Fassett, Lansing	140 00
Rev. C. H. Fisher, Marcellus	139 00
Mrs. J. P. Force, Jackson	120 00
Mrs. W. S. Foster, Coldwater	83 00
Mrs. D. D. Gillett, Manchester	159 00
Mrs. G. L. Gilbert, Valparaiso, Ind.	85 00
Rev. F. Glass, Grand Rapids	198 00
Rev. L. J. Griffin, Albion	139 00
Mrs. A. T. Gray, Ypsilanti	80 00
Mrs. J. Greenstead, Traverse City	110 00
Rev. J. W. Hollowell, Damon	100 00
Rev. J. S. Harder, Nashville	90 00
Rev. G. S. Hicks, Sherman	105 00
Rev. D. S. Haviland, Lake View	159 00
Rev. J. Hills, Ithaca	25 00
Rev. C. H. Howe, Byron Center	150 00
Rev. John Hoyt, Allen	85 00
Rev. A. Hunsberger, Albion	80 00
Mrs. J. Jennings, Ann Arbor	80 00
Mrs. J. B. Knott, Berlin	143 00
Rev. D. R. Latham, Garden City, Kan.	139 00
Rev. G. D. Lee, Charlotte	119 00
Rev. H. Morgan, Grand Rapids	198 00

Reports

Rev. E. Marble, Harbor Springs	139 00
Mrs. G. E. Matthews; Nashville	75 00
Mrs. F. L. McCoy, Albion	40 00
Mrs. N. Mount, Hubbardston	119 00
Mrs. S. Nelson, East Saginaw	138 00
Mrs. W. H. Perrine, Midberry, Dak.	140 00
Mrs. G. A. Phillips, Ionia	198 00
Rev. J. H. Pitezel, Norwalk, Ohio	140 00
Rev. B. S. Pratt, Grand Ledge	80 00
Mrs. J. H. Richards, South Haven	80 00
Rev. A. A. Rolfe, Los Angeles, Cal.	159 00
Rev. W. W. Rork, Agnew	159 00
Rev. Jas. Roberts, Albion	162 00
Rev. I. H. Skinner	25 00
Mrs. M. I. Smith, Union City	160 00
Mrs. E. A. Staples, Albion	80 00
Rev. S. Steele, Northport	198 00
Mrs. N. M. Steele	40 00
Mrs. I. Taylor, Dawson, Dak.	120 00
Rev. E. Treadgold, Luther	120 00
Rev. T. C. VanAntwerp, Lake View	120 00
Mrs. A. J. VanWyck, Otsego	105 00
Rev. A. Wakefield, Middleville	119 00
Mrs. S. S. Wilson. Millbrook	100 00
Rev. S. C. Woodard, Ovid	198 00
Rev. E. D. Young, Battle Creek	178 00
Mrs. A. L. Crittenden	50 00

V

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHASE CHURCH, BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

To the Michigan Annual Conference;

Your Committee after a careful investigation of all the facts at their command, desire to present the following statement and recommendation:

After the most heroic effort and self-denial on the part of the membership of this church there remains an indebtedness of $700.00, which now must be provided for, or this church lost to Methodism.

Two of the official members have jeopardized their own homes to secure the creditors of the church against loss. The debt is pressing, the interest of the cause of Christ and Methodism, and loyalty to these devoted brethren demand immediate action on our part. We therefore recommend that we proceed to take subscriptions of the brethren on behalf of their charges to the amount of $450.00, to be paid on condition that the entire indebtedness be liquidated.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. B. Kulp,
S. L. Hamilton,
F. L. Thompson.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions recommend appropriations as follows:

ALBION DISTRICT.

Cooper Street	$ 50 00

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Ashton	100 00
Chase	80 00
Chippewa Lake	40 00
Coleman	40 00
Crystal Valley	50 00
Dushville	50 00
Farwell	100 00
Ferry	80 00
Freesoil	50 00
Harrison	100 00
Hesperia	100 00
Holton	50 00
Ludington, Fourth Ward and Buttarsville	80 00
Marion	80 00
Meredith	50 00
Paris	40 00
Pentwater	100 00
Sanford	50 00
Sears	50 00
Sherman City	75 00
Stanwood	50 00
White Cloud	75 00
Woodville	50 00
	$1,540 00

COLDWATER DISTRICT.

Burr Oak	$ 60 00
Pittsford	40 00
	$ 100 00

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Grand Haven	125 00
North Muskegon	125 00
	$ 250 00

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Alba	$ 100 00
Almira and Oviatt	30 00
Bear Lake	60 00
Bellaire	140 00
Benzonia	80 00
Cadillac Circuit	80 00
Clarion	75 00
Cross Village	75 00
East Jordan	100 00
Elk Rapids	100 00
Frankfort	50 00
Harbor Springs	150 00
Inland	50 00
Ironton	60 00
Kalkaska	100 00
Kingsley	60 00
Lake City	75 00
Mackinaw City	60 00
Manton	100 00
Marilla and Cleon	40 00
Sherman	50 00
Spencer Creek	75 00
Stittsville	75 00
Traverse City Circuit	100 00
District	275 00
	$2,160 00

IONIA DISTRICT.

Langston	25 00
Saranac	50 00
	$ 75 00

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Douglass	75 00
Fennville	75 00
Gobleville	25 00
	$ 175 00

LANSING DISTRICT.

Breckenridge	15 00
Elm Hall	30 00
Fowler	40 00
Sickles and Ashley	40 00
	$ 125 00

NILES DISTRICT.

Vandalia and Mottville	$ 125 00
Total for White Work	$4,600 00

INDIAN WORK.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Scottville and Indian Mission	$ 100 00	
Vandecar and Indian Mission	100 00	
District	70 00	
		$ 270 00

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Elk Rapids Indian Mission	$ 44 00	
Northport Indian Mission	80 00	
Petoskey Indian Mission	80 00	
District	100 00	
		$ 304 00

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Nottawa and Bradley Indian Mission	$ 50 00
Total Indian Work	$ 624 00
Total White and Indian Work	$5,224 00

EDUCATION.

There is abroad in the land a continually rising tide of interest in the cause of Christian education. This is significant and gratifying to all interested in the welfare of the Church and and the good of humanity.

Historically our Church has always been an advocate of thorough and higher Christian education; and has evidenced a true regard for sanctified brain as well as for sanctified heart.

Reports

While we may be justly proud of the record of our beloved Church, in founding schools and colleges, and in all the work of mental training and the fruits of scholarship in the past; we are, more than all, gratified by the abundant evidences now more apparent then ever before, and seen on every side, of a still deeper interest and a rising spirit of enthusiasm in our educational work.

This interest is seen not only in and about our colleges and institutions of learning, but is felt in and throughout our conferences, churches, and in christian homes. Of every young man at the doors of our conference it is asked, "Has he a thorough educational preparation for his work in the ministry?" We need more than ever, if that be possible, consecrated talents for the work of God. But this need of preparation is not only recognized among those looking to the ministry as a life work; but it also seen to be needful to those who are preparing for secular business and those christian duties that God lays upon the minds and hearts of christian laymen in his church.

We need christian education for those who are to be christian workers in any and every place of usefulness. Evidently then it should be no small part of the work of every christian minister to see that this tide of interest in educational work shall rise higher, and still higher, among all our people.

Our Sunday schools should be church schools, and in connection with Normal courses, Epworth League courses, and C. L. S. C. courses should form a system of work that shall be introductory to that in our higher educational institutions.

We rejoice that the assistance afforded worthy young people preparing for our ministry or missionary work is becoming more adequate and liberal.

We believe that these educational funds should not, except in very exceptional cases, be given outright to help any student, but should be loaned to be returned to the society without interest, that our fund may be a constantly increasing one.

These funds ought to be used only by those preparing for our ministry or missionary work.

We recommend that hereafter the third Wednesday in November of each year be observed as College Day, and that exercises helpful to the cause of education be held in all our churches, and a collection taken for the benefit of Albion College.

In regard to the questionable utterances in the Albion College Year Book, and specially referred to this committee, we submit the following :

Whereas, There appeared in the Albion College Year Book for 1889-90, a carefully prepared article by Prof. F. M. Taylor, Ph. D., which has provoked wide spread criticism, and whereas, the sentiments therein expressed are opposed to the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal Church; therefore, *Resolved*, 1st. That this Conference accepts without question, the explanation made by the authorities of the College, that the insertion of said article in the Year Book was a mistake, which is by them deeply regretted.

2nd. Without presuming to consider the partisan aspect of the article in question, as a Conference, and in the interest of the College, we desire to inform the world that the doctrines therein taught are not the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, nor such as should be taught in her colleges, if indeed in any American College.

3rd. We hereby express our confidence in the administration of Albion College, and desire to be understood as uttering this protest solely to counteract the mischievous sentiments by mistake published and scattered abroad over the State and Nation.

Your committee would submit the following nominations:

For Trustees of Albion College, James W. Sheldon, and Wilbur I. Cogshall.

For Visitors to Albion College, L. Grosenbaugh and F. C. Lee.

For Members of the Board of Managers of the Asbury Centenary Fund, Prof. Samuel Johnson, of Lansing; R. G. Chandler, of Coldwater; M. M. Callen, Wm. Denman, G. L. Mount.

For Trustee of Northwestern University, N. L. Bray.

For Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute, L. Master, and E. B. Patterson.

For Visitors to Boston University, P. J. Maveety and F. L. Thompson.

For Members of Council of Wesleyan Guild, of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Geo. S. Hickey, and J. C. Floyd.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HALLENBECK,
M. M. CALLEN,
C. G. THOMAS,
W. A. FRYE,
Committee.

Y

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Your committee on Conference Relations to whom was referred the case of R. C. Wilkinson, beg leave to make the following report, to-wit:

After a thorough investigation of papers presented we find ourselves in sympathy with him because of his confession, but it is our judgment that the restoration of this brother's parchments should be postponed.

Your committee also beg leave to offer the following resolution in the case of William Hansom:

Resolved, That we rejoice to find in the confession of William Hansom, a former member of this Conference, apparent evidence of penitence for past sins. We therefore assure him of our sympathy and prayers.

J. H. Thomas,
Isaiah Wilson,
John C. Beach,
J. K. Stark,
Wm. Judd,
S. C. Strickland,
Committee.

Z

Bible Cause.

Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. It is the sword of the spirit. And not only is it the rule of faith and practice with the Christian, but is also the foundation of civil law and liberty. It is the inspiration of all that is noble, true and Godlike in human lives. Wherever the Bible has been widely disseminated, there do we find the highest development of human character, the mightiest achievments of human genius, the truest regard for the welfare of others, the purest home life, the most patriotic citizenship and true national prosperity; therefore,

Resolved, I. That the Word of God has a sovereign right to a place in the schools of our land, and we will use all reasonable means to maintain this right.

Resolved, II. In view of great destitution of Bibles in many of our Sunday schools, we heartily approve of and will cooperate with the American Bible Society in placing a copy of the Bible in the hands of every Sunday school scholar who can read.

Resolved, III. As the American Bible Society is of invaluable aid in our missionary work, we pledge ourselves to faithfully present the claims of the Society to our people, and to take the annual collection.

Resolved, IV. We also thank the representatives of the Society for the *Bible Record*, the official paper of the Society, which will be sent to the pastors in the Michigan Conference the coming year.

W. M. Colby,
W. J. Douglass,
Geo. W. Howe,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

To the President and Members of the Educational Society of the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit to you the following report of money received and disbursed by him during the past Conference year:

1889.	CREDITS.	
Sept. 16.	By cash on hand	$ 39 74
“ “	“ “ from Treas. of Michigan Conference	154 45
1890.		
March 5.	By Educational money returned by Thomas M. Cole	40 00
	Total amount received	$234 19

1889.	DEBIT.	
Sept. 30.	To paid Mr. Ishizaka, of Japan	$ 25 00
“ “	“ “ May J. Hodgkins	15 00
Oct. 3.	“ “ U. H. Fillio	10 00
“ “	“ “ W. H. Spence	15 00
“ “	“ “ A. H. Ravn	10 00
“ 21.	“ “ William Weaver	10 00
Nov. 8.	“ “ W. R. Carter	10 00
“ “	“ “ Mr. Ishizaka, of Japan	15 00
“ 22.	“ “ U. H. Fillio	5 00
“ 27.	“ “ H. G. Warren	10 00
Dec. 13.	“ “ A. H. Ravn	5 00
“ 19.	“ “ T. H. Leamon	5 00
1890.		
Jan. 23.	“ “ R. J. Floody	15 00
Mar. 6.	“ “ J. O. White	5 00
“ 17.	“ “ W. I. Elmer	10 00
April 11.	“ “ I. E. Robinson	10 00
“ 23.	“ “ A. H. Ravn	10 00
May 5.	“ “ W. R. Carter	15 00
“ 12.	“ “ H. G. Warren	10 00
“ 13.	“ “ J. O. White	10 00
“ 21.	“ “ I. E. Robinson	10 00
June 3.	“ “ D. H. Keyes	9 19
	Total amount paid out	$239 19
	Amount due Treasurer Educational Society for money over paid	$ 5 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. BROCKWAY,
Treas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In submitting a brief report of this growing society, the committee find they are reaching out a helping hand to many localities of destitution and want in our great commonwealth.

Although last in the field. and permitted to glean largely after "Ruth" the elder sister—the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—yet they are making themselves felt as an important factor in supplying the wants of the poor, both with things material, and also with the bread of life.

The field in which they are already accomplishing most beneficent results, are the South, Utah, New Mexico, Castle Garden, and in many of the Conferences, including our own. A very important work is also being accomplished among the Indians of the great north-west, furnishing them with the opportunities of Christian culture and offering them the blessed gospel of our Lord.

The financial report of amounts raised last year was $1,584.49, for three-quarters of this year $1,785.65, while the grand total raised by the society at large, according to the last annual report, was $114,942.01. These results reached in a single year, give assurance of support from the church, for God's needy ones, that is likely to reach magnificent proportions. If to this we add the wonderful impetus of the living teacher of the precious gospel of Christ, we may hope for a great moral uplift, among all these classes, that shall prove their salvation, and will help us also to solve the nation's problem of ignorance and vice.

In view of these facts, it is important that as a Conference, we give this society the right of way everywhere, throughout our borders, by actual encouragement in personal support.

W. J. ALDRICH,
Committee.

VISITORS TO ALBION COLLEGE.

Your visitors to Albion would respectfully submit the following report regarding the general interests of the College:

The Collegiate year just closed has been one of the most successful in the history of this vigorous Institution of learning. Its many friends and supporters are thereby greatly encouraged in regard to the good that is sure to be realized from the intellectual, moral and spiritual discipline received by the young men and women who place themselves under the curriculum of its different departments.

So far as we were able to learn and judge the students have energetically pursued the various specified courses of study.

The ability and unanimity of the faculty, coupled with their devotion to the work, cannot fail to produce most satisfactory results in maintaining the high standard of scholarship that should be the one aim of all scholastic training. Your Committee was particularly gratified at the large attendance of students this year, numbering 498, the largest number in the history of the institution, and of these a higher percentage than usual in preparation for the ministry.

The year is also marked by a somewhat extensive revival among the students, in which many of them were converted to God, assuring us that the spiritual wants of the students were well cared for, and Albion a seat of revival power.

The financial exhibit shows continued and very cheering indications of prosperity.

The income this year from the different sources amounts to $38,668.89, being the largest income of any church school in Michigan.

The urgent need, however, of Albion to-day is money; funds with which to repair the present buildings, erect a new one and purchase much needed apparatus. If Albion is to maintain its high standard of scholarship, make substantial advance, keeping rank with the first church colleges of the State and nation, increased facilities for class instruction must be provided in the near future.

To meet the increasing demands upon the college for larger accommodations and greater efficiency, your committee would recommend the early erection on the campus, of a Central College building, of modern architecture, embodying all the later conveniences and facilities for college work. We also suggest that the attention of men of wealth in Michigan Methodism be directed to this project, inducing them if possible to espouse the cause of Albion, and give of their abundance to equip the college for broader and more efficient work.

Again, a great benefit, we belive would accrue to the students of Albion, by a systematic study of the bible. At this critical time when the Romish Church is making such strenuous efforts, to drive the bible out of our Public Schools, God's word ought to be taught in all our colleges and especially our Church Colleges. The opportunity is golden, for some rich Methodist, to endow a lectureship in Biblical research and christian evidences.

The ambition to make Albion the first Church College in this State is a laudable one, and should inspire every son and daughter of Michigan Methodism to do their utmost.

Finally, we very heartily commend to the brethren of the Conference "Michigan Methodist College Day" originated by Mr. C. M. Ranger, of Battle Creek, an alumnus of the college. We believe its observance will introduce the cause of education among our young people and inspire our youth with a thirst for higher education, at the same time calling attention to Albion on all our charges.

Albion, we believe, has a bright future before it. With the old buildings repaired, new ones erected, a large endowment fund with which to equip its various departments Albion will be a pride of Michigan Methodism.

Respectfully submitted,
L. E. Lennox,
J. G. Crozier,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

I

Resolved, *1*. That we welcome Rev. Dr. A. S. Hunt, Secretary of the American Bible Society, to the Conference, and that we assure him that we regard the Society he represents as a most important part of our great gospel work, and that our church is a most important part of it. And that we are greatly interested in the distribution of the Bible Society over the whole world, and will give it a full place among our benevolences by the side of the Missionary Cause and our Church Extension Society.

II

WHEREAS, This Conference voted in 1888 to undertake the endowment of a "Michigan Conference Bed" in the Methodist Hospital at Brooklyn, and whereas several sufferers from this state have already been cared for in this Institution, therefore be it resolved,

1. That a committee consisting of three, to be nominated by the Presiding Elders, be appointed to co-operate with the Rev. J. S. Breckenridge, Superintendent, in securing from each church within our bounds a collection for the benefit of the above named bed.

2. That we instruct said Committee to select a suitable Sabbath, to be known as "Hospital Sunday," on which this collection may, wherever practicable, be taken.

J. M. REID,
JOHN GRAHAM,
C. L. BARNHART,
JAMES HAMILTON,
N. L. BRAY,
W. J. ALDRICH.

III

To the Michigan Conference:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the acknowledgment of grateful appreciation for the favor extended to this Conference by the Goodrich Transportation Company, would present the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Michigan Conference are hereby tendered to the Goodrich Transportation Company for the great satisfaction of a delightful ride on their beautiful steamer, the City of Racine, and also to the gentlemanly officers and men, who did all possible for our comfort and happiness.

A. J. ELDRED,
J. C. FLOYD,
J. H. PITEZEL,
W. J. ALDRICH.

IV

Your Committee recommend that we, as a Conference, endorse the appeal made by the American Sabbath Union to the Commissioners of the World's or Columbian Exposition, to be held at Chicago in 1893, asking that they do not permit it to be opened to the public on the Sabbath day.

S. C. STRICKLAND.

V

WHEREAS, The number of memorials for our minutes is increasing from year to year,

It is hereby ordered that the Committee on memorials be instructed to limit each memorial to one thousand words.

JOHN C. BEACH.

VI

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Annual Conference that the number of Presiding Elder's districts in this Conference be reduced to seven, and that we request the Presiding Elders to prepare a plan of Conference district boundaries, consisting of seven districts, and present the same to the Bishop presiding at the next annual session, for his approval.

JAMES HAMILTON,
DAVID ENGLE,
F. B. BANGS,
JOHN GRAHAM
GEO. S. HICKEY,
WASHINGTON GARDNER,
P. J. MAVEETY,

G. L. MOUNT,
E. B. PATTERSON,
L. GROSENBAUGH,
M. M. CALLEN,
GEO. B. KULP,
J. W. HALLENBECK,
THOS. RILEY,
L. DELAMARTER.

VII

Resolved. 1. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the pastor and people of this church and city for the able and pleasant manner in which they have received and entertained us.

2. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the press for the very fair and clear reports of our proceedings.

VIII

Resolved, That we place on record our appreciation of the able and impartial manner in which Bishop Andrews has presided over this session.

That we will follow him with our prayers and good wishes, and assure him of a hearty welcome whenever he shall be assigned to the presidency of this Conference.

OUR PROMOTED BROTHERS.

Dan Barnes, died Sept. 8, 1840.
Shadrach Ruark, May 17, 1846.
Jonathan E. Champlin, Sept. 15, 1846.
Thomas Fox, Aug. 30, 1847.
Allen Staples, Oct. 21, 1847.
G. J. Shurtleff, Feb. 28, 1849.
Josiah Brakeman, July 19, 1849.
Octavius Mason, Oct. 5, 1850.
George King, Oct. 27, 1850.
John Erkanbrack, May 7, 1852.
Judson D. Collins, May 12, 1852.
Lee McQuigg, Oct. 15, 1853.
Nelson Barnum, Aug. 5, 1854.
Clark T. Hinman, Oct, 21, 1854.
Ransom Goodell, Aug. 8, 1855.
J. J Whitmore, Aug. 12, 1855.
Seth B. Finch, March 6, 1857.
George Bignell, Dec. 31, 1858.
John K. Gillet, June 27, 1860.
Newland Cleveland, in army, Shiloh, May 7, 1862.
Samuel A. Osborn, May 14, 1862.
William C. Comfort, June 15, 1862.
Amos Benson, January 16, 1863.
Oscar F. Chase, October 17, 1863.
Washington I. Blowers, in army, Jan. 10. 1865.
Peter Greensky, April 8, 1866.
Hiram Law, September 9, 1866.
Joseph Jennings, May 23, 1867.
Elijah Crane, April 23, 1868.
A. L. Hoag, December 4, 1869.
David Thomas, January 11, 1870.
Wm. Hott, probationer, Sept. 26, 1870.
George Bradley, April 15, 1871,
M. B. Camburn, Oct. 17, 1871.
Wm. McKnight, March 28, 1872.
William Ford, October 21, 1872.
Jesse E. McAllister, Dec. 14, 1872.
Edgar Beard, March 4, 1873.
Rezin Sapp, May 5, 1873.
J. L. Child, September 10, 1873.
L. C. Austin, December 24, 5873.
G. L. Gilbert, September 2, 1874.
Wilson Gray, December 17, 1874.
Benjamin Sabin, February 17, 1875.
J. E. Bayliss, a probationer, October 5, 1875.
Nathan Mount, February 8, 1876.
L. Chatfield, July 23, 1876.
George B. Jocelyn, January 27, 1877,
Henry Penfield, January 19, 1877.
James Hulin, May 9, 1877.
David Burns, July 28, 1877.
Joseph Jones, date not found, 1877.
Fred M. Deitz, Sept. 11, 1877.
Gilbert A. Phillips, Nov. 7, 1877.
Samuel S. Wilson, January 18, 1878.
Thomas Cleghorne, February 24, 1878.
Israel Cogshall, April 7, 1879.
Benjamin F. Doughty, June 8, 1879.
W. F. Jenkins, February 13, 1879.
Moss I. Smith, October 21, 1880.
William M. Ball, January 8, 1881.
Jas. W. Robinson, January 13, 1881.
William H. Perrine, Jan. 22, 1881.
E. C. Chambers, March 11, 1881.
Henry Worthington, July 10, 1881.
Otis L. Gibson, Nov 14, 1881.
D. D. Gillet, May 6, 1882.
A. T. Gray, May 17, 1882.
Alvin Billings, July 6, 1882,
William Bronson, February 22, 1883.
Joseph Greenstead, June 5, 1883.
Jeremy Boynton, September, 1883.
V. G. Boynton, October 12, 1883.
W. E. Newlon, July 11, 1884.
F. D. Hemenway, April 19, 1884.
Thomas J. Congdon, Feb. 5, 1884.
Horace Hall, March 14, 1884.
W. W. Elder, May 11, 1884.
William Doust, May 20, 1885.
W. S. Foster, August 31, 1885.
A. L. Crittenden, October 21, 1885.
N. Fassett, November 7, 1885.
F. Gage, January 1, 1886.
A. J. Van Wyck, January 9, 1886.
S. Nelson, July 3, 1886.
Henry M. Joy, September 30, 1886.
Elijah H. Dissette, Nov. 13, 1886.
Andrew M. Fitch, January 8, 1887.
James P. Force, May 26, 1887,
James T. Robe, January 31, 1888.
Isaac Taylor, October 3, 1888.
Carmi C. Olds, Nov. 21, 1888.
John C. Ambrose, Dec. 15, 1888.
James H. Richards, Dec. 30, 1888.
Frank L. McCoy, February 13, 1889.
Wm. M. Coplin, August 15, 1889.
Geo. W. Hoag, May 16, 1890.
Newland M. Steele, May 17, 1890.
John B. Knott, June 16, 1890.
Gould E. Matthews, Aug. 16, 1890.
Wm. J. Aldrich, September 23, 1890.

In Memoriam.

Rev. G. W. Hoag.

The death of this veteran minister occurred in Albion, Friday morning, May 16th, 1890. He had been declining for many years, and at the last the weary wheels of life stood still. Of a family of eight children only two remain, Mrs. Abigail Reeves, of Milan, Mich. and Dr. Lucy H. Hoag, so widely known in the missionary circles of the church, now a medical missionary at Chinkiang, China.

George Washington Hoag was born of Quaker parentage in Charlotte, Vermont, May 13, 1822. He was educated in the primary schools, with additional studies in the River Raisin institute. Converted while all alone on a summer day in 1841, he soon after made a public profession and united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Tecumseh, Mich., under the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Baughman.

In the autumn of 1843, in eastern Tennessee, he was licensed to preach by the Cumberland Presbyterians and served a charge for six months.

In the fall of 1845 he went to Iowa, where he spent the winter in revival labors, preached and studied until June, when he took passage for Michigan.

In the fall of 1846 he was employed by the Presiding Elder on the Flint and Fentonville Circuit.

At the session of the Conference at Ypsilanti, Sept. 15, 1847, he was received on trial in the Michigan Annual Conference, of which he has been an honored member until translated to the blood washed throng before the throne.

His first appointment was to the Flat River Circuit on the Grand River District. During this year at Otisco, Ionia Co., February 20, 1848, he was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Bruce, who shared with him the toils and fortunes of an itinerant's life for nearly forty-two years.

How well we knew her! The noble woman, the devoted Christian, the wise counsellor and leader, the able and honored Branch Secretary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. E. A. B. Hoag.

His subsequent appointments were, Duplain. Oxford, Lyons and Portland, Talmadge, Muskegon River, Charlotte, Bellevue, Leroy, Leonidas, Oshtemo, Cassopolis, Buchanan, Keeler, Marengo, Litchfield, then three years superannuated, then Springport, Tompkins, Martin, Cooper and Gilead.

In 1878 he again took a superannuated relation and entered into merchandising at Martin and other points, finally removing to Albion.

Brother Hoag was an unassuming, consistent Christian brother and minister. In his pulpit he was exegetical and doctrinal, impressive and entertaining. In society affable and agreeable.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Albion on Sunday afternoon, May 18, several brethren of the two Conferences being present. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Fiske, the pastor, J. C. Floyd and I. R. A. Wightman.

NEWLAND MAEFETT STEELE.

Newland Maffett Steele, the son of our venerable and justly venerated Salmon Steele and of his worthy helpmeet, Eliza Steele, was born in New Britain, Conn., February 24, 1836.

He—what shall I say, "Died," no, never. One who entered the gloomy realm of the King of Terrors and led captivity captive has said, "He that believeth in me shall never die." So I say, he was translated May the 17th, A. D. 1890, from the Methodist parsonage in Harrison, Mich., to the room in our Heavenly Father's Home, which our Elder Brother had fully prepared for his reception.

Brother Steele spent three years in study at Albion College and was a life-long student of no mean attainments, reading fluently the Hebrew, Greek, Latin and German languages and, since all earthly tongues shall cease, he was, best of all, well versed in the language of Caanan, which is to be the only universal language among the redeemed, when time shall be no more.

His appointments were most of them hard, uninviting fields of labor. Joining the Michigan Conference on probation in 1858 he labored at Burlington, Northport, Manistee, Jonesville, White Pigeon, Quincy, Irving, Bronson, Otsego, Middleville, Elk Rapids, Silver Creek, Lawrence, Ganges, Martin and Vicksburg, Augusta, Hart, Harrison—and there he was transferred, not by any earthly bishop, but by the great head of the church, to his last appointment—"In Glory," and now he is a star preacher.

In heaven they call a star preacher one who takes the hardest field and patiently does his best. They call the post of difficulty and danger the post of honor.

Who but the recording angel shall tell the downright heroism needed during these 33 years of battle with the unseen hosts of darkness—who shall tell how faithfully, cheerfully and uncomplainingly he followed the hard path of duty on meager salaries, often only partially paid?

Were others kings and princes of earth, he was more. He was a son of the King of Kings. Were others conquerors, he was more than conqueror through Him that loved him. Were others great, receiving wealth, honor and fame, since it is better to give than to receive, he was greater, for he gave his life for 33 years to rescue dying, sinful men, and at the last, like his master, laid it down to rescue two defenceless little ones in peril. Do you admire heroism on the field of battle? I admire more the splendid courage which unflinchingly does its work on our hard fought spiritual battle fields.

Brother Steele was married to Miss Ellen Canfield of Galesburg, March 3, 1863, who with that splendid devotion of an itinerant's wife has stood by his side during all these years.

Brother Steele leaves a model family, consisting of a widow and five children.

Our brother followed the poet's admonition:

"So live that when thy summons comes
To join the innumerable caravan
That moves to the pale realms of shade,
Where each shall take his chamber
In the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry slave,
At night scourged to his dungeon,
But sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust,
Approach thy grave like one
Who calmly wraps the drapery of his couch about him,
And lies down to pleasant dreams."

REV. J. B. KNOTT.

Rev. John B. Knott was born in Toronto, Canada, July 29th, 1833, and died in Berlin, Mich., June 16th, 1890, after a long sickness. Brother Knott was converted to God at the age of fifteen and received on probation in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was granted an exhorter's license at 19 and later a local preacher's. He developed very rapidly, showing signs of the success he achieved in his after life.

Brother Knott was a student at Coburg college, Canada, and Lima seminary, N. Y., spending in all about three years in these institutions of learning. He joined the Niagara Conference, Canada, in 1858, and for three years labored with great success. Many were blessedly saved as the result of his persistent faithful work. He then came to the United States. From that time until his health failed he was an earnest, ceaseless worker for God. He served for nine years in the Genesee Conference, joining in 1862. In 1872 he became a member of the Indiana Conference, laboring with much acceptability and success for six years. He removed to Michigan Conference in 1878 and for one year labored as Bible agent and in evangelistic work. His appointments in the Michigan Conference were as follows: Reed City one year; Maple Rapids three years; Grand Ledge two years; Greenville and Hastings circuits, Berlin and Lamont each one year.

Brother Knott was a Methodist preacher, faithful and true. As a preacher he was above mediocrity in thought, expression and unction: He loved the right, he hated the wrong with a hatred deep and intense. Against evil in no form did he prophesy smooth things, but with fidelity and fearlessness he declared the thunders of the law. The result was revivals marked almost every year of his ministry. More than one thousand souls were saved and led into the fellowship of the church under his ministration. Indeed his work was pre-eminently evangelistic.

His marriage with Elizabeth Jones, of Mendon, N. Y., occurred in 1858. During all these years sister Knott has faithfully done her part in sharing with him all the joys, sorrows and sacrifices known to an itinerant minister's wife.

It had always been a cherished impression of our brother that he would be permitted to cease at once to labor and to live, but such was not the ordering of providence. For more than two years he was a great sufferer. Brother Knott was a good man. Loving his brethren of the ministry, true to God, loyal to the church, thus has ended our brother's useful life, passing from earth's trials and sufferings to the joys and blessings of heaven.

Gould E. Matthews.

Gould E. Matthews was born in Freeport, Ohio, Dec. 29th, 1844 and died in Nashville, Mich., Aug. 16th, 1890.

When Gould was fifteen years old, he left home and went to St. Johns to learn the printer's trade. The next three and one-half years he was employed in printing offices in St. Johns and Flint. In 1863 he enlisted in the 10th Michigan cavalry and served during the remainder of the war.

Brother Matthews was converted at Pentwater when he was twenty-one years old. He always attributed his conversion to the influence of Rev. D. W. Parsons, now one of our Presiding Elders. He was soon given an exhorter's license, but did not use the authority it conferred.

At the time of his conversion he had believed he ought to preach. He had, however, stifled his convictions and turned to newspaper work. These convictions had frequently returned and upon his more complete consecration they came upon him with much power. Encouraged by his pastor he gave himself to the work of the ministry and joined the Michigan Conference on trial in 1885.

He was appointed to Freesoil, and went most joyfully and hopefully to his work. Here he had five and some of the time six appointments, two of which were sixteen miles apart. Bro. Matthews remained at Freesoil through two successful years. During the winters, which were both severe, over very bad roads he tried hard to reach all of his appointments and many times became badly chilled and very much exhausted. In January of his second year his health became very badly broken. After that time he was prostrated after his long drives. He struggled on in great feebleness through the year. Hoping to improve on a charge where the work was more centralized, he went to Chase in the fall of 1887. Here he labored in increasing feebleness until the Sunday after Thanksgiving, when, after trying to go through the services, he was carried out of the church unconscious, and his heroic struggle to continue his work was ended. He had carried it on so long because he felt that he had lost many years and wanted to redeem all the time he could. The remaining two years and eight months of his life were passed bedridden, almost paralyzed, in very great suffering. Such a sickness was very hard to bear. Yet his faith in God was strong.

In his sickness he was continually talking about his ministerial life, and spoke with rejoicing again and again of seeing sinners converted. He was asked by one who had largely influenced him to enter the ministry, "Are you sorry now in your sickness that you entered the ministry and perhaps brought yourself into this condition?" His face all lighted up as he replied "Oh, no, those two years are the best and sweetest of my life. I would not lose them out of my life to be made well."

Brother Matthews was married in 1874 to Mrs. Ann E. Chapman, who died in 1877, leaving a son. In 1879 he married Miss Grace Sheldon, who was an helpmate indeed in his ministerial work and faithfully cared for him in his sickness.

Brother Matthews was a good man and was earnest, faithful and useful in his ministry.

Funeral services were held in both Nashville and Fremont. At the services in Nashville short addresses were made by Revs. Barnhart, Lee, Puffer and Stewart. Revs. Rowland, Hollister, George, Thomas and Harder also took part in the services at Fremont, where the burial took place, a funeral sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Floyd as had been requested by Bro. Matthews. The text was "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain." For Bro. Matthews to live was Christ, and released from almost three years of such utter prostration and continued suffering to die was gain."

MRS. O. D. WATKINS.

Mary J., daughter of Dennis and Polly Lee, and wife of Rev. O. D. Watkins, of Michigan Conference, was born in Ontario County, New York, October 9th, 1827 and died in the parsonage in Lucas, Cadillac Circuit, Michigan Conference, Sept. 24, 1889.

While very young her parents settled at Sherwood, Michigan. She was converted at nine years of age, in a prayer meeting held in her father's house.

For fifty years she walked in the light, and was not, for God took her.

She was married to Rev. O. D. Watkins, Dec. 25th, 1854. It was her privilege to be received with her husband into the North Indiana Conference in 1866, and with him share the joy of serving the following charges: Orion, three years; Butler, two years; Orlando, two years; Coessa, two years; Xenia, two years; Jerome, one year; Walton, two years. In 1880 they transferred to the Michigan Conference, and served Mason, four months: Vermontville, one year; New Buffalo, two years; Lawton, two years; Cooper, one year; Fennville, one year; and the third year on Cadillac Circuit had just been entered upon when the summons came and she transferred a little before the companion of her joys to the heavenly shore where he expects to join her soon.

In sister Watkins every department of church and reformatory work found an ardent and earnest supporter. The Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies; The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and every other organization designed to uplift the race were wont to feel the inspiration of her touch wherever her lot was cast.

As daughter, wife and mother she acted well her part, and as such her character may be found well portrayed in Proverbs 31.

The latter years of her life have been years of pain, and when one year ago, sickness came, it was evident to all (and to none more than to herself,) that the end was near.

It was towards the evening of her last Sabbath on earth when the final struggle came. To her husband she said, "Light the lamp, it's dark, so dark; and the waters are so deep." This conflict continued for an hour, and then the victory came, and she said, "It's morning. How light. How beautiful. Let me go quick." Her son asked, "Where?" She replied, "Heaven, Let me go, quick." These were her last words, though she lingered in the border land till the following Tuesday evening. She died well.

MRS. ELIZABETH A. B. HOAG.

Elizabeth A. Bruce was born in Sweden County, New York, May 31, 1829. She died at Albion, Michigan, September 26, 1889, aged 60 years, 3 months and 26 days.

Sixteen years of her life were spent in her native state, where she attended school and acquired a good English education. In 1845 she came to Michigan and taught school for three years, and then, February 20, 1848, she was married to the Rev. G. W. Hoag, of the Michigan Conference, at that time serving Otisco charge, and who remained with us after his wife's departure, but a few months.

It may be said that Mrs. Hoag's life was all spent in the service of her Lord. She was converted when a child eight years old and united at once with the Methodist Episcopal church, in whose fellowship she lived as a devoted and faithful Christian for fifty and two years

Precious was her religious experience, deep her piety, Zionward, as a flint her face was fixed. She knew her Lord and his power to save. In walk and conversation she gave constant testimony that Jesus hath power to save from sin.

Her mind was fertile in thought, her heart was generous in sympathy, her zeal was unflagging. She was of a timid, shrinking disposition, she never addressed a public meeting without fear and trembling. She never put herself into conspicuous places. She never went unless she was sent, and when sent by the Lord or the church she went modestly and courageously forward. She shared her husband's toils and sacrifices in all the cheerful sweetness of a model preacher's wife.

Her mind was too broad, her heart too large to be confined to fields at home. She looked up and out and saw white harvest fields far over seas, with laborers few. She heard her Savior say, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" and took that command to her heart. She felt that she must go or send a substitute. She could not in person, she could go by proxy. Hence she joined the Women's Foreign Missionary Society at its organization in 1870. She was president of the first auxiliary organized in the church of Albion and the second president of the Albion District. She made herself efficient, she showed her love for the missionary cause, not only by that constant self-denial and systematic economy, which are all too rare even among Christian people, but by giving to the cause one of the bright jewels of her own home, Dr. Lucy Hoag, who grew up under her training, and was to her as a daughter. When Lucy Hoag felt that she ought to go to China the heart of Mrs. Hoag said "Amen."

For five years she held the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, and never was that office better filled, never was its incumbent held in higher esteem or greater confidence by the preachers and the people everywhere.

No wonder then that when a new Branch corresponding secretary was to be selected, that though it was in the unwritten law that the Northwestern Branch officers should reside close to headquarters at Chicago the Branch Convention that year overleaped all former bounds and disregarded all precedents, and elected with the most popular vote ever given to a candidate for that office, Mrs. E. A. B. Hoag, of Michigan to be their corresponding secretary, and they never regretted their choice.

Two years only did she hold the office, for then God took her, but she held it well.

Though suffering nearly all the time (sometimes most intensely) from physical disability, still with courage and persistence great as battle fields have shown, she held right on planning and toiling until God said, "It is enough, come up higher.".

She died—sweetly, calmly, triumphantly, died, nay she fell asleep, to awaken in Paradise.

MRS. CATHARINE M. JOCELYN.

Catharine M. Jocelyn, widow of Rev. Dr. Geo. B. Jocelyn, died at the home of her sister Mrs. Dr. H. S. Osgood, in Gosport, Ind., Nov. 26th. 1889, having nearly reached the conclusion of her 65th year of life.

At 14 years of age she was converted, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she continued a member until her death. She was married to Rev. Geo. B. Jocelyn, January 12th, 1845.

Her husband we knew and honored for many years—a great preacher, a successful soul winner, a splendid educator, a genial companion, a manly man. He was pastor of our best charges and served them well. In all his work in the ministry, his wife was his help-meet, interested in all her husband's doings, anxious for the welfare of Zion.

She was all absorbed in her family. Home was heaven to her. She loved its quiet retirement, she was absorbed in its duties. Her life was to do for the members of her household. And for them no toil was task-work, no labor was a burden, no sacrifice was unwelcome.

When her husband became the honored and successful President of Albion College, which position he held with increasing satisfaction to the college patrons until his death—twelve years of time—Mrs. Jocelyn's home, as a loving friend of those college days has said, "was always open with hospitable welcome to the homesick, poor or friendless student."

Many of us here to-day, who were not students then, remember the hospitality of that house. Many of us can testify to the cordial welcome and generous good-cheer with which she welcomed the friends of her husband or her sons.

If she had a fault concerning hospitality, it was generosity. She did everything she could to make her husband a success in his college work. And when he fell in the strength of his years, *then* the light of her home, and of her life, seemed clean gone out forever.

Her nature was too shrinking to show such grief as hers to the public eye, and the stricken widow withdrew within her home to mourn. If society had had charms for her, there were no longer any charms in it. If she went out at all, it was to visit an intimate friend, or to worship in the house of God.

She seemed to go about as one in this world, but not of it. No wonder; her treasure was in heaven, and there her heart was also.

But she had not long to live. Soon after reaching her sister's house in Indiana, an ulcer in her foot broke out, and blood poison resulted, from which she died after three weeks of great suffering. The intense pain of these latter days she bore without complaint, sweetly resigned to the will of God. Her fifty years of experience in God's grace were a very precious memory now. The religion of her childhood and womanhood and old age was her consolation now. It steadied and consoled her. She had a faith that did not shrink in this last great trial. She was victorious.

Her last hours were hours of triumph, and in passing down into the valley of the shadow of death, she found that the Lord was with her, and his rod was an unbroken staff in her hand.

She passed this valley on the night of Nov. 26th, last, and went over the river to her husband and daughters and Georgie.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the writer of this memoir, at her late residence in the City of Albion, on the morning of November 29, and her body was laid beside her sleeping husband in the city cemetery.

She is at rest. Let her be, she earned it well. She was dead, but is alive again, alive in affectionate hearts of earth to-day, alive in precious memory here on earth, and alive forevermore with God.

J. C. FLOYD.

MRS. E. H. DAY.

Harriet B. Day, wife of Rev. E. H. Day, of the Michigan Conference, was born at New Lyme, Ashtabula County, Ohio, and died at Lawton, Michigan, July 23, 1890, in the seventy-second year of her age.

Her maiden name was Brockway. She was married to her now bereft husband at Austinburg, Ohio, September 19, 1842. Was converted in early life and joined the Congregational church, but after marriage joined the Methodist Episcopal church, so that they might be united in church, as well as home life.

They came to Michigan in 1843 and settled at Romeo, where her husband was teacher of the village school. After living here for about two years he joined the then Michigan Conference, and was assigned to duty as Missionary among the Indians at

Fond du Lac, Minn., about a thousand miles away, and now the truly heroic part of her life really began. Think of the fortitude of character required to cheerfully enter upon the rugged and self-sacrificing life work which stretched out in front of her. Think of a young mother with a babe in her arms, and a child by her side starting on such a journey as that, under the inconveniencies of the modes of travel of almost half a century ago.

After three years of missionary life among the Indians they were sent to organize church work at the Cliff Copper Mines in the upper peninsula of Michigan, here they remained for two years. Next sent seventy-five miles west to do similar work at Ontonagon, here they remained for another two years.

They were next sent into the lower peninsula to do missionary work among the Indians of Allegan and adjoining counties. Here ended their missionary work proper. Then began their long pilgrimage of thirty-seven years in the itinerant ranks, in the which they served charges in almost all parts of the Michigan Conference. Last of all we find them at Lawton, on the Niles District, not as they were when they began the long journey, but with feeble step and heads of gray.

"Each succeeding year stole something
Away from her beauty,
Leaving behind it, broader and deeper,
The gloom and the shadow;
Then there appeared, and spread,
Faint streaks of gray o'er her forehead,
Dawn of another life that broke
O'er her earthly horizon,
As in the eastern sky the first
Faint streaks of the morning."

During the last winter she was taken down with la grippe and was very sick, so much so that it was thought she could not live. She rallied however, but did not fully recover. On Friday, July 18th, she was taken down again and on the following Wednesday died. The last months of her life were full of suffering, which at times was very intense. At last death came to her relief, and without a struggle she passed away, from weariness to rest, from labor to reward.

In the gifts and graces of the womanly character she was richly endowed. In the excellencies of Christian womanhood her nature abounded. In the relations of life, faithful and true as the wife and mother, tender and loving and wonderfully kind, as a neighbor and friend generous, even to a fault, no one more kind to the poor, for whose comfort she often practiced severe self-denial.

The remains were taken to Augusta, Michigan, for burial.

Standing by her remains and thinking of her long life of toil and devotion and sacrifice in the cause of the master, we remember the words of our Savior, "She hath done what she could."

LEVI MASTER.

STATISTICS FOR ALBION DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1890.

A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Minis'rial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptised.	No. Adults Baptised.	No of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building & improving Ch's & Pars'g's	Paid on old indebtedness on Church prop'ty	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches	From S Schools	Total.	For Board of Church extension.	For Sun. School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Albion	50	750	14	14	3	73	1	45000	..	......	...	845	75	1300	1	30	550	440	105	545	83	16	16	83	38	82	145	130	2037	200	100
Battle Creek	9	562	3	9	8	13	2	33000	1	2500	5200	..	3800	847	3	67	520	158	142	300	56	11	11	52	30	16	209	40	1806	150	....
Bellevue	5	239	..	6	..	....	2	4500	1	1400	135	....	.....	115	2	37	276	85	30	115	25	6	6	25	13	11	30	100	996	58	....
Concord	14	145	1	2	.	....	3	6000	1	1500	115	....	230	120	2	21	106	46	26	72	15	4	4	15	8	7	...	....	897	35	5
Eden	....	31		2	..	....	..	.....	.	.....	.....	....	....	...	2	16	80	18	2	20	4	1	1	4	2	2	...	....	323	10	....
Hanover and Moscow	16	214	..	1	..	....	2	8000	1	1200	95	....	.....	140	2	27	170	45	12	57	3	2	1	3	7	1	35	....	975	30	27
Homer	10	210	2	4	..	3	1	13500	1	1500	28	...	....	200	1	29	223	45	106	151	7	2	2	7	13	2	47	....	842	35	13
Jackson, Cooper St. Church	....	90	1	..	15	....	1	3000						100	1	17	150	25	5	30	6	2	2	6	4	4	...	...	762	15	...
" First Church	46	581	3	7	7	37	1	65000	..	......	1040	321	....	1100	2	60	577	120	200	320	48	12	12	42	19	10	136	30	2006	160	300
" Haven Church	13	141	..	3	1	6	1	7000	.	.....	5000	500	1000	100	1	25	175	20	5	25	5	3	3	5	4	2	42	...	145	15	....
Leroy	2	83	..	4	..	....	2	4600	1	500	....	30	30	50	2	23	117	40	11	51	11	2	2	11	5	4	18	16	751	25	..
Leslie	15	155	1	1	..	3	1	2000	..	......	200	....	.....	130	2	20	145	54	16	70	8	4	3	11	4	4	70	37	876	30	....
Liberty	18	143	1	3	..	11	2	3000	1	500	20	....	.....	105	2	27	169	30	15	45	1	1	1	1	5	1	53	....	701	20	....
Litchfield	13	185	1	1	..	4	2	4200	1	1600	550	....	...	140	2	29	245	50	5	55	5	1	1	5	4	3	23	....	807	30	....
Marengo	4	135	..	2	..	....	1	2500	1	700	63	....	.....	75	4	24	200	41	9	50	10	3	3	10	8	6	36	....	710	30	2
Marshall	4	165	2	4	..	8	1	12000	1	1000	35	...	....	250	1	20	150	75	10	85	2	1	1	2	10	1	23	....	1058	35	....
Mosherville	7	121	2	5	1	....	2	3300	1	750	10	39	.....	140	5	46	264	48	12	60	10	3	3	10	4	5	1	....	654	30	....
Olivet and Partello	13	152	..	3	4	27	2	6500	2	1400	415	....	.....	100	3	30	157	10	30	40	8	3	3	7	7	4	....	..	788	18	...
Parma	21	197	1	..	3	34	2	9800	1	1800	78	....	.....	156	2	32	174	43	53	96	18	4	4	18	13	8	21	....	877	43	27
Penfield	15	162	1	3	..	1	1	1500	..	...	.....	....	.....	50	5	54	342	40	35	75	7	1	1	7	14	3	30	....	683	43	....
Springport	11	66	..	..	..	16	1	1500	1	1000	30	...	.....	50	1	11	90	20	7	27	5	2	2	5	2	4	...	....	686	13	....
Tekonsha	4	120	1	..	4	4	2	6500	1	1200	100	....	....	100	3	25	185	22	2	24	2	1	1	2	3	.	30	....	855	16	....
Tompkins	6	96	..	4	..	....	2	2500	1	1000	27	...	.....	45	2	15	110	23	12	35	3	2	2	4	8	2	156	....	645	23	....
Total	296	4743	34	78	46	240	35	244900	17	19550	13141	1735	5135	5413	51	685	5175	1498	850	2348	342	87	85	335	225	132	1195	350	21477	1064	474

STATISTICS FOR ALBION DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1890.

A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Albion	J. C. Floyd	1800	1800	....	170	170	67	67	190	200
Battle Creek	James Hamilton	1600	1600	....	150	150	53	53	150	150
Bellevue	L. M. Edmunds	900	900	....	76	76	20	20	58	58
Concord	Thomas Cox	825	825	....	60	60	12	12	35	35
Eden	W. I. Elmer	300	300	....	20	20	8	3	10	10
Hanover and Moscow	G. W. Tuthill	904	904	....	64	64	....	7	....	30
Homer	E. O. Mather	762	762	....	70	70	18	10	50	35
Jackson—Cooper Street	W. H. B. Urch	700	725	....	32	32	5	5	15	15
" First Church	G. S Hickey	1800	1800	....	150	150	56	56	160	160
" Haven Church	O. E. Wightman	800	700	100	42	42	9	5	25	15
Leroy	A. N. Eldred	660	701	....	44	44	9	6	25	25
Leslie	J. Webster	813	813	....	52	52	11	11	30	30
Liberty	L. B. Kenyon	650	650	....	50	50	12	1	33	20
Litchfield	O. S. Paddock	800	750	50	50	50	10	7	38	30
Marengo	John Clubine	650	650	....	50	50	10	10	30	30
Marshall	J. H. Tanner	1000	1000	....	56	56	....	2	30	35
Mosherville	H. C. Chamberlain	686	595	91	48	48	11	11	30	30
Olivet and Partello	M. F. Loomis	725	750	....	32	32	6	6	18	18
Parma	W. P. Mosher	800	800	....	62	62	15	15	43	43
Penfield	F N. Janes	650	625	25	56	53	15	5	43	43
Springport	R. R. Wightman	650	650	....	32	32	4	4	13	13
Tekonsha	M. W. T. Smith	800	800	....	52	52	11	3	30	16
Tompkins	William Taylor	600	600	....	40	40	8	5	23	23
TOTAL		19875	19700	266	1458	1455	370	322	1079	1064

STATISTICS FOR BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1890.

A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH,

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTION.											Minis'rial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptised.	No. Adults Baptised.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building & improving Ch's & Pars'g's	Paid on old indebtedness on Church prop'ty	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches	From S Schools	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sun. School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Ashton	9	50	...	2	...	1	2	2000	1	450	500	...	450	35	3	22	160	8	10	18	2	1	1	2	1	1	...	...	321	9	65
Big Rapids	20	280	...	3	3	10	2	6000	1	2500	...	240	1300	160	3	57	440	40	93	133	16	5	3	8	11	4	155	...	1337	33	100
Calkinsville	5	80	...	2	5	3	2	2800	1	600	25	200	200	75	3	28	115	9	8	17	4	1	1	4	3	1	...	...	595	9	15
Chase	...	31	...	2	4	5	2	2200	...	...	...	20	700	70	2	15	40	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	182	2	2
Chippewa Lake	21	44	...	2	2	3	2	2000	1	400	1000	...	350	20	2	19	60	5	...	5	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	474	1	...
Clare	2	146	...	2	1	...	1	2000	1	1000	50	50	100	75	2	25	175	50	10	60	8	1	1	4	2	1	...	...	744	30	...
Coleman	10	57	...	2	...	1	2	2500	1	1000	100	...	200	38	3	24	76	8	...	8	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	334	4	...
Crystal Valley	4	68	2	...	...	...	2	3500	1	400	...	...	...	30	2	21	130	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dushville	14	47	...	1	5	9	3	3000	...	...	800	...	125	37	3	22	144	8	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	278	2	...
Evart	20	150	1	1	...	2	2	4000	1	700	20	103	500	150	2	30	250	50	50	100	21	3	3	21	10	5	55	...	978	45	...
Farwell	7	89	1	1	13	1	2	3000	1	500	20	140	200	100	2	18	125	25	5	30	7	1	1	3	3	2	...	...	555	15	...
Ferry	20	23	1	1	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	178	2	...
Fremont	12	64	...	...	...	...	1	1500	1	300	110	400	...	50	1	13	90	15	10	25	3	1	1	2	2	1	...	...	649	13	5
Freesoil	14	44	...	3	...	...	1	1200	...	...	...	...	200	21	3	24	110	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	289	5	...
Gladwin	39	50	1	2	1	...	1	2000	...	...	15	75	420	60	3	30	165	...	18	18	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	2	427	3	...
Harrison	...	27	...	1	2	...	1	2000	1	600	100	25	100	65	2	28	100	12	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	506	3	...
Hart	11	133	...	2	11	22	2	2800	1	1200	2	...	...	100	2	18	200	25	5	30	6	1	1	6	6	1	...	...	804	25	...
Hersey	40	58	2	2	1	7	1	400	...	...	...	...	...	40	4	32	170	8	7	15	5	2	2	5	5	2	...	...	477	10	31
Hesperia	6	74	1	2	...	...	1	1000	1	500	...	...	...	75	1	15	75	12	19	31	7	2	2	7	4	3	...	...	516	14	...
Holton	17	70	...	3	2	1	2	2250	1	350	55	...	100	40	2	15	70	7	...	7	2	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	375	5	...
Howard City	36	101	1	2	9	27	1	2300	...	...	...	...	...	100	3	30	380	15	20	35	6	1	1	4	2	1	...	...	551	20	100
Ludington—First Church	25	180	...	1	4	4	1	4000	1	1800	...	400	600	150	1	18	200	51	29	80	20	2	2	20	10	3	35	...	1170	43	...
" 4th Ward and Butters'la	13	33	...	...	1	...	2	2590	1	500	428	143	500	11	2	18	150	...	20	20	5	1	1	5	2	2	...	...	523	10	8
Luther	17	73	...	...	8	...	1	2400	1	700	244	12	96	96	1	17	402	12	16	28	6	1	1	6	2	2	60	1	649	17	8
Manistee	39	201	1	4	14	8	1	9000	1	2000	125	375	...	325	1	27	300	65	60	125	25	2	2	20	25	7	86	45	1495	65	50

Marion	2	15	1	..	...	...	1	900	..	......	165	....	250	12	2	12	40	3	....	3	1	..	..	....	..	..	....	...	191	2	...
Meredith	10	15	.	..	3	1	1	1500	.	......	50	...	.....	25	5	42	192	5	....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	....	225	3	..
Montague	90	155	1	..	...	40	2	5500	1	1000	600	185	600	150	3	47	315	18	35	53	10	1	1	10	5	2	54	....	889	30	11
Morley	9	106	2	..	2	9	1	2500	1	550	.....	37	300	50	3	32	221	13	12	25	5	..	..	1	2	...	....	....	613	12	..
Mt. Pleasant	30	205	..	..	14	18	1	20000	1	4200	.....	380	2700	300	1	27	175	55	25	80	15	3	3	15	7	5	20	10	1182	40	27
Paris	96	71	1	3	4	15	2	1200	..	......	46	....	.....	....	4	30	200	10	2	12	7	1	1	4	1	1	....	....	344	10	...
Pentwater	8	59	..	2	1	2	1	6000	..	......	165	....	.....	100	1	17	125	15	10	25	3	1	1	3	1	1	17	....	495	15	...
Pierson	7	110	1	3	...	4	3	5000	1	300	100	....	50	54	3	37	134	20	....	20	2	1	1	2	7	1	8	....	489	16	2
Reed City	7	127	2	1	3	10	1	5000	1	1000	25	100	125	125	1	14	170	25	15	40	10	2	2	10	5	3	....	....	859	20	..
Remus	2	67	2	1	...	1	3	3500	2	325	86	100	385	45	3	31	174	14	6	20	7	1	1	6	2	2	....	....	537	13	3
Sanford	17	58	..	..	6	8	2	2500	1	600	309	264	250	24	4	37	180	7	2	9	2	1	..	....	1	...	....	....	475	8	..
Scottville and Riverton—Ind. Mission	10	53	..	..	...	...	..	......	..	......	.....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	...		..	....	...	...	....	....	......	....	...
Sherman City	2	55	1	..	...	...	..	......	..	......	....	...	....	....	3	28	125	....	....	....	....		..	....	...	...	...	....	......	...	...
Shelby	10	190	2	1	2	24	1	4000	1	1000	250	150	270	150	1	21	205	45	20	65	10	2	2	10	7	3	94	....	895	20	...
Shepherd	65	140	1	1	10	37	2	4500	..	......	....	311	264	80	4	39	236	22	12	34	6	1	1	6	3	2	....	....	654	16	...
Stanwood and Altona	75	88	..	4	2	4	3	4500	1	500	2050	....	250	75	5	37	355	3	....	3	....	..	..	....	...	...	....	....	358	2	...
Summit	10	99	.	..	13	2	1	1500	1	700	200	....	40	25	2	18	130	24	....	24	6	1	1	6	4	1	2	....	540	20	...
Vandecar and Ind. Mission	14	130	5	2	7	3	5	2000	..	......	....	....	.....	5	1	8	25	4	....	4	....	..	..	....	...	...	....	....	143	2	...
White Cloud	13	20	..	..	...	...	1	1500	..	......	23	....	.....	....	2	16	63	....	5	5	2	..	..	1	...	...	....	....	94	3	...
Whitehall	1	111	..	1	2	1	1	5500	1	1200	.....	....	.....	150	1	18	150	45	40	85	15	10	5	10	20	5	83	....	1228	40	20
Woodville	3	32	..	1	2	2	1	2500	..	......	2200	....	300	....	2	17	84	....	....	....	1	..	..	....	...	...	....	...	299	....	...
TOTAL	882	4089	30	61	157	300	71	125450	30	26875	9863	3710	11925	3343	106	1094	6826	758	566	1324	249	52	45	207	156	64	670	58	24917	657	247

STATISTICS FOR BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1890.

A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Ashton	J. H. Strickland	500	294	206	36	25	3	2	10	9
Big Rapids	J. W. Miller	1200	1200		132	132		5		33
Calkinsville	E. L. Odle	560	560		32	32	3	3	9	9
Chase	J. O. Snider	300	170	130	32	12				2
Chippewa Lake	G. H. Johnson	375	442		32	32			1	1
Clare	L. L. Tower	700	700		40	40	4	4	30	30
Coleman	J. R. Bowen	500	305	195	36	28	5	1	13	4
Crystal Valley	C. C. Coors									
Dushville	N. M. Barns	250	250		28	28	2		5	2
Evart	W. L. Laufman	900	900		64	64	14	14	40	45
Farwell	E. F. Newell	525	510	15	40	40	5	5	15	15
Ferry	A. A. Darling	250	166	84	20	12				2
Fremont	J. H. Wilcox	610	610		36	36	6	3	18	13
Freesoil	D. Porterfield	366	264	102	32	25	2		5	5
Gladwin	A. A. Stephens	475	391	84	36	36	5		13	3
Harrison	S. Steele	570	495	75	32	10		1		3
Hart	George Killean	750	750		50	50	9	4	25	25
Hersey	Levi Aler	600	437	163	36	36	4	4	10	10
Hesperia	J. W. Sheehan	475	475		36	36	5	5	14	14
Holton	T. R. Rible	400	350	50	24	24	2	1	5	5
Howard City	A. F. Nagler	650	500	150	48	48	10	3	22	20
Ludington—First Church	W. J. Maybee	1100	1100		60	60		10	40	43
" 4th Ward and Buttersville	J. A. DeGraff	500	483	17	36	36	4	4	10	10
Luther	J. C. Beach	600	608		36	36	5	5	13	17
Manistee	F. L. Thompson	1400	1400		74	74	21	21	65	65

Marion	S. C. Wheeler	224	177	47	24	14	1		3	2
Meredith	D. P. Dorrance	300	210	90	20	14	1	1	3	3
Montague	F. W. Corbett	850	825	25	56	56	11	8	33	30
Morley	W. J. Douglass	600	575	25	40	37	5	1	12	12
Mt. Pleasant	G. A. Odlum	1100	1100		68	68	14	14	40	40
Paris	G. H. Hill	350	319	31	24	24	1	1	7	10
Pentwater	A. H. Coors	450	450		40	40	5	5	15	15
Pierson	C. W. Smith	600	447	153	44	39	5	3	16	16
Reed City	D. C. Riehl	800	800		50	50	9	9	20	20
Remus	Wellington Earl	550	490	60	44	44	3	3	13	13
Sanford	C H. Theobold	550	445	105	32	28	4	2	10	8
Scottville and Riverton—Indian Miss'n	J. W. Perkins									
Sherman City	H. D. Martin									
Shelby	G. A. Buell	800	835		52	52	13	8	38	20
Shepherd	E. L. Sincleir	700	600	100	56	48	8	6	22	16
Stanwood and Altona	S. C. Tiney	536	335	201	40	23	3		15	2
Summit	H. D. Skinner	500	500		36	36	4	4	11	20
Vandecar and Indian Mission	C. H. Bronson	180	131	49	20	12	1		2	2
White Cloud	D. E. Briggs		90		24	4			3	3
Whitehall	G. D. Chase	1150	1150		68	68	10	10	40	40
Woodville	A. S. Jenkins	300	279	21	20	20	1		3	
TOTAL		25096	23118	2178	1786	1629	208	170	668	657

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTION.											Minis'rial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptised.	No. Adults Baptised.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building & improving Ch's & Pars'g's	Paid on old indebtedness on Church prop'ty	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches	From S Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sun. School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Allen	11	122		3	1		1	10000	1	758	159		23	43	1	15	60	8	6	14	3		1	2	7	2			517	8	
Athens	8	104	1	1		8	3	5700						115	3	28	165	59	9	68	4	2	1	4	4	1			704	32	4
Bronson	4	150	2	4			2	5000	1	600	137		75	135	1	15	80	35		35	1		1	2	5				684	12	
Burlington	2	46		1			1	3000			10			30	1	12	60	2	6	8									316	2	
Burr Oak	7	76					1	3000			17			65	3	23	127	8	12	20		1		2	1	1			381	11	
Butler	10	125	2	1			1	1000	1	800				20	2	14	120	30	10	40	1	1	1	2	2	1			652	13	
Cambria	34	88	1	4	1	6	2	4500	1	600	27		220	60	2	25	125	20	2	22	2	1		2	2	4	11		580	9	
Camden	15	105	2	2		6	2	3500			25			50	4	30	150	12	6	18	2			3		2			537	5	
Centreville	14	227		2		5	1	3500	1	800				150	2	29	215	75	25	100	10	3	3	10	4	1	50		985	20	
Coldwater	88	777	1	5	15	87	1	30000						700	1	34	552	446	54	500	62	3	5	62	24	5	128	133	1785	130	150
Coldwater Circuit	4	28													3	20	75	5		5				1	1	1			163	2	
Colon	26	115	2	1		13	2	5000			30			70	4	27	190	60		60	5	1	1	6	3	1	21		650	30	
Constantine	10	174	1	4	2	1	2	11000	1	800	10	150	60	160	2	43	210	50	15	65	2	1	1	5	14	1	47		907	18	
Gilead	2	68			1	5	1	2000						20	2	20	98	22	10	32	3	1	1	2	2	1	44		497	19	
Girard	25	176	1	3	2	18	1	6000	1	1000	15			95	2	23	174	14	12	26	8	1	1	3	5	1	7		874	22	6
Hillsdale	20	315	2	3	2	10	1	13000	1	2500	2878		225	331	1	37	400	93	25	118	28	6	3	27	14	16	69		1238	55	
Jonesville	14	134	1		1	10	2	3500	1	900	25	100	400	90	2	22	160	30	20	50	5	2	1	5	6	4			912	20	
Kinderhook	17	95	2	1		3	1	2000	1	750				75	3	21	100	15	6	21	4	2	2	8	1	2			536	11	9
North Adams	6	245				5	1	6000	1	1200			300	130	1	22	175	88	12	100	5	2	1	5	10	3	60		984	45	
Osseo	6	53	1	1	1	5	3	6000	1	600	65		165	60	2	17	65	13	5	18	5	1	1	5	2	3	8		520	7	
Quincy	18	304	2	3		2	2	9000	1	1800	70	32		150	5	50	300	70	30	100	15	2	1	15	14	1	104	25	1047	50	31
Ransom	7	106			10	17	2	4000	1	400				50	2	30	200	20		20	4	1	1	2	3	1	36		619	14	
Reading	9	113				3	1	1500	1	1000			115	75	1	18	130	54	5	59	4	1	1	8		2	8		547	15	
Sherwood	41	71	1	2	1	3	1	4500			500		25	98	2	20	128	30	5	35	9	1	1	9	3	1			640	18	5
Sturgis	13	215		3	1	4	1	8500	1	1500	87			183	1	20	200	75	15	90	6	1	1	6	3	2	44		1188	37	125
Union City	33	240	1	4		19	1	15000	1	1000	60	50	500	200	1	27	250	75	15	90	10	2	2	12	7	2	64		978	30	
White Pigeon	8	152	1	1			1	2500	1	1000	4			90	1	17	146	65	5	70	17	3	3	17	8	4	74	75	815	35	
Wheatland	8	70					2	1400	1	250					2	30	70														
TOTAL	460	4494	24	49	38	229	40	170100	19	18258	4119	332	2108	3245	57	689	4725	1474	310	1784	215	39	34	225	145	63	775	233	20674	670	330

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NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Allen	J. R. Skinner	565	467	98	48	48	10	2	30	8
Athens	W. C. Moffit	650	650		50	50	12	4	34	32
Bronson	E. A. Tanner	775	630	145	52	52	12	2	30	12
Burlington	L. W. Earl	300	300		16	16				2
Burr Oak	H. W. Thompson	450	344	106	36	36	8	1	25	11
Butler	N. R. Wood	600	600		48	48	11	4	32	13
Cambria	E. W. Lang	565	539	26	40	40	10	1	28	9
Camden	Adam Clark	500	500		36	36	8	1	25	5
Centreville	J. F. Orwick	913	913		68	68	14	4	47	20
Coldwater	W. A. Hunsberger	1600	1600		160	160	25	25	125	130
Coldwater Circuit	J. W. White	250	150	100	15	13			8	2
Colon	William Barth	650	600	50	44	44	11	6	30	30
Constantine	S. C. Davis	900	840	60	70	65	14	2	47	18
Gilead	J. W. Hart	474	468	6	28	28	8	1	19	19
Girard	J. P. Dunham	800	800		66	66	13	8	45	22
Hillsdale	A. E. Craig	1150	1150		80	80	8	8	55	55
Jonesville	W. H. Parsons	850	850		56	56	10	6	35	20
Kinderhook	W. J. Tarrant	565	485	80	42	42	10	9	29	11
North Adams	S. C. Strickland	900	900		74	74		10		45
Osseo	W. M. Paddock	475	475		40	40	8	5	20	7
Quincy	E. L. Kellogg	950	950		80	80	17	17	55	50
Ransom	A. Potter		567		48	48		4		14
Reading	J. T. Iddings	550	505	45	42	42			20	15
Sherwood	D. D. Martin	600	600		32	32	8	8	22	18
Sturgis	L. E. Lennox	1100	1100		80	80	17	8	55	37
Union City	J. G. Crozier	1100	900	200	68	68	13	10	45	30
White Pigeon	H. H. Hood	750	750		54	54	11	11	35	35
Wheatland	Robert Batterbee	500	400	100	24	24		4		
TOTAL		19482	19033	1016	1497	1490	258	161	896	670

STATISTICS FOR GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1890.

A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH,

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTION.											Minis'rial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptised.	No. Adults Baptised.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building & improving Ch's & Pars'g's	Paid on old indebtedness on Church prop'ty	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches	From S Schools	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sun. School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Ada	4	80		2	1		1	1700						35	1	10	40	4	2	6					1		2	1	259	9	
Ashland	12	86		3		1	1	3000	1	400				75	1	76	70	5	5	10	1	1	1	1		1			471	5	
Berlin and Lamont	15	73					2	5500	2	800	115			60	2	25	130	10	10	20	4	1	1	5	6	2	12		497	11	59
Byron and Dorr	11	62	2	3	2	9	2	3200	1	1800	150		25	100	2	20	150	32	28	60	2	1	1	10	4	1			686	15	30
Caledonia	6	82		2	1	2	3	3500	1	1000				60	4	26	201	20	10	30	4	2	1	6	5	2			705	26	
Cannonsburg	18	110	1		10	34	3	8000	1	1000	51	57		80	3	27	141	21	19	40	6	1	1	4	6	1			611	25	
Casnovia	40	65	1	3	3	28	2	3500	1	1200				75	2	22	150	5		5	1	1	1	1	1	1			563	4	130
Cedar Springs	8	88		2	8	16	2	5500	1	1700	130			100	2	20	140	20	8	28	2	1	1	1	4	1	12		643	12	10
Coopersville	2	72	2	2	1	3	2	4500	1	1700		40	550	97	2	25	150	20	10	30	5	1	1	5	4	1	16		755	10	
Grand Haven	6	39			5		1	4200	1	900	4000	272	300	36	1	13	92	10	5	15	2	1		1	1		7		485	2	
Grand Rapids, Ames Chur.	42	221	1	2	5	35	1	6000				600	250	160	1	33	322		52	52	14	3	3	14	8	3		3	1032	37	50
" " Division St.	10	640		3	5	3	1	55000						1900	1	54	425	285	266	551	85	6	5	85	35	20	647		2945	200	250
" " East Street	23	203	1	2	4	21	1	7000			40			231	1	21	344	21	64	85	17	8	3	17	8	5	70		1063	58	
" " Joy Memorial	30	32			1		1	1000				100	1200		1	20	115		15	15									137	2	
" " Plainfield Ave	34	194		1	5	28	1	4000			82			125	1	26	341	25	10	35	10	1	1	7	4	1	15	4	758	12	7
" " Second St.	19	387	2	6	6	1	3	42700	1	3500	170		150	723	3	66	746	43	114	157	38	2	2	17	18	10	106	188	1820	82	140
Grandville	5	110	1		1	1	2	3500	1	800	100	200		50	5	40	178	33	7	40	7	1	1	7	4	2			646	19	
Hastings	6	224			2		1	6000	1	1500	182			287	1	28	333	142	15	157	20	5	5	20	38	9	70	197	1172	62	23
Hastings Circuit	6	134	1	2		2	1	1200						20	3	27	130	28	2	30	3	1	1	4	2	1	12		544	19	
Holland	1	79	1	1	4		1	3000	1	1000	145		40	60	1	18	100	8	15	23	2	1	1	2	2	1	13		563	10	5
Irving	2	78	1			1	1	4000	1	1000	5	70		10	4	23	200	24		24				2			10		517	13	3
Middleville	27	149		3		10	2	4000	1	1000				70	3	32	210	20	20	40	2	1	1	3		1	13		756	19	35
Muskegon	19	557	1	6	12	13	3	47300	1	5000				860	5	67	1100	180	50	230	70	8	4	39	30	15	91	42	1965	63	
Newaygo	4	25	1		3	1	1	2000	1	1000	40	51	44	25	1	8	62	7	3	10	1	2			1				440	6	
North Muskegon	7	35			10	3	1	250						155	2	22	133	11		11	4	1	1	4	1	1			533	9	2
Nunica	4	19		1	1	1	1	1000																					78		
Ravenna	1	67		1		4	1	2000	1	400	210			80	1	13	70	8		8	1			1	2	1			385	5	
Rockford		111		4			2	6000	1	700	180			60	1	12	70	40	10	50	7	1	1	1	5	2			837	15	
Sparta	32	155		2		1	2	4500	1	1500	30			110	2	33	220	28	30	58	5	1	1	3	4	2			663	13	3
Spring Lake		100			14		1	4000	1	950	200		75	50	2	32	200	16	24	40	2	1	1	1	3	1			746	17	
Wayland	4	100		3			1	2000	1	500					2	15	120	5	11	16	2	1	1	2	4	1			390	5	
West Olive	9	101	1		9	21	1	500							7	42	280		3	3					2				351	4	
TOTAL	407	4478	17	53	113	259	49	249550	23	29350	1830	1390	2634	5694	66	896	6963	1071	808	1879	317	54	40	263	203	86	1096	435	24016	789	747

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Ada	J. N. Dayton	500	234	266	30	24	2	1	9	9
Ashland	C. A. Cutler	430	430		40	40	9	1	20	5
Berlin and Lamont	A. S. Williams	450	455		40	40	10	2	21	11
Byron and Dorr	J. W. Buell	700	610	90	70	70	13	6	25	15
Caledonia	J. H. Bennett	660	660		40	40	9	5	26	26
Cannonsburg	R. N. Middleton	575	553	22	55	55	7	3	25	25
Casnovia	C. W. Jones	575	519	56	40	40	6	4		4
Cedar Springs	H. D. Jordan	700	600	100	45	40	11	3	28	12
Coopersville	George Varion	700	700		50	50	11	5	28	10
Grand Haven	C. A. Varnum	450	450		35	35	3		10	2
Grand Rapids—Ames Church	E. H. King	1050	975	75	45	45	12	12	37	37
“ “ Division St. Church	J. Graham	2600	2600		280	280	65	65	193	200
“ “ East Street “	W. Denman	1000	1000		50	50	13	13	40	58
“ “ Joy Memorial “	J. H. Brownell	137	137							2
“ “ Plainfield Ave “	A. J. Wheeler	750	710	40	44	44	8	4	25	12
“ “ Second St. “	J. W. Reid	1650	1650		140	140	30	30	82	82
Grandville	A. H. Yokum	590	590		50	50	6	6	19	19
Hastings	W. M. Puffer	1050	1051		100	100	21	21	62	62
Hastings Circuit	W. D. Rowland	500	500		40	40	6	4	21	19
Holland	Wm. Jennings	700	520	180	40	40	7	3	25	10
Irving	G. E. Hollister	475	475		40	40	7	2	22	13
Middleville	T. T. George	700	700		50	50	9	6	30	19
Muskegon	W. J. Aldrich	1800	1800		140	140	30	25	104	63
Newaygo	Richard Shire	600	410	190	30	30				6
North Muskegon	C. M. Welch	500	500		30	30	3	3	9	9
Nunica	George Lawback	250	64	186	20	14	2		6	
Ravenna	M. J. Brownell	550	350	200	35	33	4	2	13	5
Rockford	John Klose	775	775		55	55	10	7	30	15
Sparta	J. W. Horner	700	600	100	60	60	10	3	28	13
Spring Lake	W. A. Frye	700	700		45	45		1	20	17
Wayland	D. C. Woodard	500	357	143	30	30	4	3	10	5
West Olive	C. W. Marshall	350	321	29	30	30			6	4
TOTAL		23667	21996	1677	1799	1780	338	240	974	789

STATISTICS FOR GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1890.

A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Minis'rial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptised.	No. Adults Baptised.	No of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building & improving Ch's & Pars'g's	Paid on old indebtedness on Church prop'ty	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches	From S Schools	Total.	For Board of Church extension.	For Sun. School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Alba	16	41	2	1	2	---	..	------	..	------	-----	----	-----	45	1	12	28	3	----	3	----	--	--	----	---	---	----	----	242	2	---
Bear Lake	18	137	..	1	7	---	2	1200	1	550	40	----	-----	30	2	15	125	25	3	28	6	1	1	6	3	2	----	----	553	13	---
Bellaire	2	51	..	1	---	---	1	4000	1	600	100	----	1200	50	1	8	41	11	----	11	1	--	1	1	1	---	----	----	323	1	---
Benzonia	61	50	2	1	---	15	3	1850	..	------	440	200	600	23	3	21	128	14	----	14	4		--	2	2	---	----	----	128	7	---
Boyne City	3	101	1	1	2	---	1	600	1	500	18	----	-----	35	2	23	150	4	----	4	1	--	--	1	1	---	----	----	536	2	---
Cadillac	16	129	1	1	---	---	1	10000	1	1500	-----	2000	3000	260	1	16	155	17	33	50	6	--	--	4	10	3	33	----	1225	25	5
Cadillac Circuit	10	93	1	2	7	2	3	2600	1	500	1050	225	30	60	4	30	120	18	----	18	4	1	2	4	2	2	----	----	431	9	---
Charlevoix	4	128	..	..	---	---	1	3200	1	1800	-----	----	-----	----	1	18	150	----	----	----	----	--	--	----	---	---	----	----	------	----	---
Clarion	14	86	2	..	---	4	1	1200	1	300	-----	----	100	25	2	20	100	6	2	8	1	--	--	1	1	---	----	----	415	2	---
Cross Village	7	60	..	..	2	---	..	------	1	450	-----	----	-----	14	2	12	60	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	300	2	---
East Jordan	12	96	..	2	2	8	1	3000	1	800	-----	225	800	75	2	25	160	8	7	15	2	--	--	1	3	---	----	----	577	5	---
Elk Rapids	10	100	1	1	4	2	1	4000	1	1000	-----	50	850	75	2	20	85	18	----	18	3	2	1	3	6	---	----	----	746	5	---
Fife Lake	1	101	1	1	1	5	2	3200	..	------	38	98	253	38	2	20	128	2	2	4	1	--	--	----	2	---	----	----	442	2	---
Frankfort	13	71	1	..	6	1	2	3700	1	800	145	----	65	75	2	12	205	14	4	18	1	1	1	4	7	1	49	----	711	14	---
Harbor Springs	20	70	..	1	6	12	1	1600	1	600	155	----	195	25	1	15	110	16	----	16	4	1	1	4	3	1	----	----	381	10	---
Inland and Oviatt	10	100	2	1	---	2	1	1200	1	300	-----	----	-----	10	5	38	152	10	----	10	1	1	1	2	1	1	----	----	268	6	---
Ironton	5	15	..	1	1	---	1	1000	1	500	-----	45	75	----	2	13	40	----	----	----	----	--	--	----	1	---	----	----	208	3	---
Kalkaska	1	60	1	..	---	---	1	3500	1	400	-----	----	250	75	2	12	125	8	----	8	1	1	1	1	2	1	----	----	587	8	1
Kingsley	18	51	2	..	1	1	1	1200	..	------	-----	11	385	20	4	43	201	4	1	5	1	1	--	1	1	1	----	----	306	3	---
Lake City	2	44	..	..	1	6	1	2000	1	1000	133	----	----	66	2	20	150	10	2	12	2	1	--	----	2	---	----	----	636	2	---
Leroy	11	188	4	..	5	2	1	2000	1	500	17	----	-----	37	2	24	----	11	5	16	4	1	1	4	3	1	----	----	582	9	---
Mackinaw City	4	29	1	..	5	10	1	2000	..	------	1010	----	250	6	1	12	53	2	----	2	2	--	1	1	2	---	----	----	287	8	---
Mancelona	13	122	2	2	12	19	2	3000	1	800	250	----	-----	100	2	25	175	20	5	25	4	1	1	4	3	1	26	----	717	13	---
Manton	2	89	1	..	---	5	1	1500	1	500	40	20	200	40	2	19	140	6	2	8	1	--	1	1	6	---	1	1	459	5	---
Marilla and Cleon	----	29	1	..	---	1	..	------	1	350	15	----	-----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	--	--	----	----	---	----	----	149	----	---
Monroe Centre	16	73	1	3	---	6	1	700	1	425	-----	25	-----	5	4	28	138	8	----	8	1	--	--	1	---	1	6	2	364	2	---
Northport and Ind. Miss	5	85	3	3	6	---	2	2400	1	400	10	----	175	36	2	15	55	4	----	4	1	1	1	----	3	1	2	2	533	6	---
Norwood	7	96	..	3	7	5	2	4000	1	800	-----	----	-----	50	3	19	125	26	4	30	4	1	1	3	6	1	----	----	741	14	---
Petoskey	----	302	1	5	7	13	1	12000	..	------	9250	----	-----	250	1	24	210	42	8	50	11	2	2	11	5	3	80	----	1081	25	---
Sherman	3	62	..	2	---	1	1	2000	1	750	25	----	-----	60	1	13	105	20	2	22	2	1	--	1	3	---	21	----	635	13	---
Spencer Creek	11	56	2	..	---	7	1	1400	1	400	-----	----	200	25	2	16	50	8	2	10	2	1	1	1	2	1	----	----	307	10	---
Stittsville	2	50	1	2	---	2	..	------	1	500	425	50	-----	----	5	36	140	20	----	20	4	1	1	4	2	1	----	----	429	12	---
Thorp	20	25	1	..	1	9	..	------	..	------	-----	----	-----	----	1	5	14	----	----	----	----	--	--	----	---	---	----	----	180	----	---
Torch Lake and Ind. Miss.	12	120	2	1	4	---	2	1300	..	------	42	14	-----	50	3	27	173	10	----	10	1	1	--	3	1	---	----	----	531	1	---
Traverse City	1	167	..	1	5	8	1	5000	..	------	400	----	-----	200	1	18	85	43	7	50	----	--	--	----	6	---	53	----	1231	25	---
Traverse City Circuit	4	85	3	2	1	4	--	------	--	------	-----	----	-----	----	3	15	95	12	----	12	1	1		1	1	1			294	10	

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		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Alba	J. H. Collins	300	230	70		12	1		3	2
Bear Lake	Prentiss Whitman	560	510	50	38	38	5	5	13	13
Bellaire	A. L. Thurston	405	296	109	32	27	2		5	1
Benzonia	W. H. Moore	98	98		28	28	2	2	7	7
Boyne City	I. C. Burdge	550	510	40	28	25	4	1	9	2
Cadillac	J. K. Stark	1150	1150			70	5	5	25	25
Cadillac Circuit	O. D. Watkins	450	398	52	30	30	3	3	9	9
Charlevoix	D. O. Ball									
Clarion	J. G. Holliday	386	386		26	26	3	3	9	2
Cross Village	Thos. Tindall	350	276	74	28	23		1	2	2
East Jordan	Jehiel Gulick	710	550	160	40	25	4	2	10	5
Elk Rapids	A. J. Eldred	700	700		45	44		2		5
Fife Lake	C. N. Coulter	536	406	130	40	36				2
Frankfort	J. W. Steffe	696	671	25	36	36	5	4	12	14
Harbor Springs	G. S. Barnes	360	360		18	18	3	3	9	10
Inland and Oviatt	E. W. Wood	325	241	84	29	25	3	2	9	6
Ironton	Arthur Morris	200	200		14	8	1		3	3
Kalkaska	J. F. McKinley	550	550		36	36		1		8
Kingsley	A. N. Henne	330	289	41	16	16	1	1	2	3
Lake City	G. W Howe	600	600		32	32	4	4	12	2
Leroy	D. A. Green	550	537	13	44	43	4	2	11	9
Mackinaw City	G. A. Brown	267	267		20	19	2	1	8	8
Mancelona	G. S. Robinson	675	675		40	40	5	2	12	13
Manton	Willard Heath	425	425		32	32	7	2	11	5
Marilla and Cleon	A. L. Jenne	286	139	147		10				
Monroe Centre	J. Kenney	330	330		36	33	2	1	5	2
Northport and Indian Mission	Irving Eagle	500	500		32	32	3	1	7	6
Norwood	B. H. Whitman	700	700		42	38	5	3	14	14
Petoskey	David Engle	1000	1000		73	73	8	8	25	25
Sherman	James Allen	645	588	57	40	46	5	1	11	13
Spencer Creek	E. G. Stevens	450	275	175	32	30	5	2	14	10
Stittsville	W. Z. Cole	400	400		25	25	4	4	12	12
Thorp	L. A. Jenne	404	173	231	10	7				
Torch Lake and Indian Mission	S. P. Hewitt	500	500		30	30	3	1	9	1
Traverse City	F. C. Lee	1000	1135		80	88	8	8	25	25
Traverse City Circuit	A. W. Bushee	360	267	93	30	26	2	1	10	10
Williamsburg	Louis Blanchett	536	421	115	36	36	5	1	15	3
Petoskey Indian Mission	John Ke-way-ge-shik									
TOTAL		18284	16753	1666	1118	1163	114	77	328	277

STATISTICS FOR IONIA DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1890.

A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTION.											Minis'rial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptised.	No. Adults Baptised.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building & improving Ch's & Pars'g's	Paid on old indebtedness on Church prop'ty	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches	From S Schools	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sun. School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Belding	9	100				2	2	4000			97	37	476	75	2	26	170	25		25	5	3	2	4	10	1	14		738	12	
Bowne	6	138	2	2		2	3	6425	1	945	31			100	3	28	159	43	7	50	3	1	1	6	5	1	13		693	30	
Carson City	45	227	3	3	1	11	3	7500	1	1800	400	400	600	250	3	40	270	29	53	82	5	2	2	5	9	6	33	47	1136	41	
Coral	40	100	2	2			1	2500	1	300	420		302	50	2	17	118	13	1	14	1	1		2	1				332	4	
Crystal	8		1				1	100	1	100			360	75	1	8	45												61		
Danby	15	142	2	2	1	4	3	6500	1	600	166		200	125	3	25	167	49	8	57	13	3	3	13	6	4	4		614	29	
Edmore	4	50	1	1		6	2	5000			75	40	350	100	2	20	125	9	1	10	1	1	1						672	2	5
Freeport	9	65	1	1			2	3000	1	350	242		15		3	21	140	12		12									383	5	
Greenville	67	277		4	6	18	1	25000	1	3000		850	1550	450	1	32	360	80	35	115	25	6	6	25	13	8	108	33	1324	56	
Greenville Circuit	5	110		1			4	4000			54			44	3	32	158	29	25	54	6	2	2	6	5	2	21		655	22	5
Hubbardston	3	132		5	1	1	3	7000	1	1000	60	10	65	125	2	26	120	13	13	26	6	3	1	4	3	2	30		678	17	
Ionia	50	350	3	9	18	37	1	45000	1	3500	400		2500	800	1	45	580	85	75	160	34	7	7	34	22	8	221	127	1719	85	
Lake Odessa	32	126	1	1			2	3500			71	200	300	80	2	32	280	32	15	47	7	1	1	8	3	2	14		551	15	
Lake View	8	74	2	2		1	1	3000	1	100	40			131	2	30	170	27	14	41	7	2	2	3	5	3	5		726	24	
Langston	4	69	1	2	2	5			1	400	35		48					11		11				2					323	5	
Lowell	64	154		5	2	22	1	6000	1	1350		311		135	2	30	220	25	27	52	7	1		4	7		40	25	943	35	50
Lyons and Muir	3	85		2			2	6000	1	1000	300			80	1	12	85	7	5	12	1				3	1	48		602	5	
Orange	6	185		4		14	2	5000	1	1000	90			100	2	30	180	50		50	7	2	1	5	2	2	17	12	821	35	8
Orleans	3	104	1	3		4	2	3500	1	800	48			50	3	35	140	30		30	6	1	1	7	5	1			607	17	
Palo	12	187	2	3			2	5200	1	800	500			100	2	29	160	20	8	28	1	1		2	3		3		754	12	
Portland	44	258		5			1	5000	1	2000		35		164	1	22	200	19	24	43	8	2	2	8	11	2	55	66	958	22	67
Saranac	8	75	1	3		12	2	5000	1	750	90			120	2	26	135	21	12	33	5	1	1	5	4	1			705	18	30
Sheridan	13	77	1				2	4000	1	200	75	100	350	55	2	17	130	14	16	30	3	1	7	2	2	2			592	19	7
Stanton	13	92			2	2	1	3000	1	500	95	5	100	40	1	22	150	6	7	13	2	1	1	2	4	1	7		740	10	26
Vergennes and Keene	3	104		4		1	2	4500	1	450				100	4	25	125	18	4	22				5			64		597	7	
Woodland	2	121	2			1	2	3800	1	800	34			75	2	22	120	20	13	33	5			4	2		19		641	12	
TOTAL	476	3402	26	84	33	143	48	173525	22	21745	3323	1788	7216	3424	53	652	4507	687	363	1050	98	42	41	156	125	45	716	270	18565	539	198

STATISTICS FOR IONIA DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1890.

A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Belding	William Judd	700	700	--------	40	35	8	3	22	12
Bowne	A. R. Keillor	675	635	40	56	56	11	2	30	30
Carson City	J. W. Hallenbeck	1050	1050	--------	72	72	14	14	41	41
Coral	S. W. LaDu	300	300	--------	30	30	--------	2	--------	4
Crystal	H. E. Hewes	--------	55	--------	24	6	--------	--------	--------	--------
Danby	F. A. VanDeWalker	650	650	--------	54	54	10	10	29	29
Edmore	W. J. Wilson	600	625	--------	46	46	10	1	25	2
Freeport	M. D. Townsend	400	361	39	32	22	6	--------	16	5
Greenville	L. Grosenbaugh	1200	1200	--------	104	104	20	20	56	56
Greenville Circuit	John Dobson	650	600	50	50	50	9	5	26	22
Hubbardston	L. M. Garlick	650	625	25	50	50	10	3	29	17
Ionia	A. M. Gould	1550	1550	--------	142	142	27	27	85	85
Lake Odessa	E. A. Armstrong	500	500	--------	44	44	8	7	23	15
Lake View	H. R. Hawley	675	675	--------	44	44	7	7	24	24
Langston	James Westbrook	400	296	104	26	26	5	1	10	5
Lowell	A. T. Luther	800	871	--------	64	64	11	8	35	35
Lyons and Muir	F. J. Freeman	600	584	16	40	17	2	1	--------	5
Orange	Albert Smith	800	750	50	68	68	13	3	--------	35
Orleans	G. W. Riggs	550	550	--------	52	52	10	5	29	17
Palo	O. J. Golden	700	700	--------	60	53	--------	1	--------	12
Portland	E. T. Lumber	950	850	100	100	100	19	8	54	22
Saranac	J. W. Arney	600	655	--------	44	44	6	6	18	18
Sheridan	N. E. Gibbs	550	550	--------	40	40	7	2	19	19
Stanton	Chas. Nease	725	700	25	48	38	9	2	20	10
Vergennes and Keene	G. A. Myers	650	550	100	46	46	8	1	24	7
Woodland	T. H. Jacokes	600	600	--------	36	36	8	5	22	12
TOTAL		17525	17182	549	1412	1339	238	144	637	539

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A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Minis'rial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptised.	No. Adults Baptised.	No of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building & improving Ch's & Pars'g's	Paid on old indebtedness on Church prop'ty	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches	From S Schools	Total.	For Board of Church extension.	For Sun. School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Allegan	28	137	..	2	1	...	1	3000	1	1200	----	----	325	100	1	20	183	25	3	28	2	1	1	2	1	1	----	----	785	10	---
Augusta	2	129	..	4	..	10	2	5000	1	1500	150	----	400	90	2	22	125	36	24	60	10	1	1	8	7	2	15	----	605	22	---
Banfield	5	102	..	2	...	...	2	4000	1	600	100	10	130	30	3	25	120	25	----	25	3	1	1	3	6	1	----	----	500	8	---
Bloomingdale	20	269	..	3	...	1	3	5000	1	800	50	25	82	100	4	45	240	15	15	30	3	1	1	3	15	1	----	----	770	16	---
Climax	16	145	1	2	...	3	2	10000	1	2000	164	----	-----	40	3	36	193	75	20	95	5	1	1	5	6	1	100	----	884	24	---
Comstock	----	46	..	1	...	1	1	3000	1	900	-----	----	-----	----	1	5	45	14	3	17	----	..	..	----	2	---	----	----	419	5	---
Cooper	5	101	..	3	2	8	2	3800	1	600	300	----	-----	100	2	21	125	21	12	33	3	1	1	7	6	1	15	----	556	3	---
Douglass	16	75	..	2	1	2	2	4000	..	----	-----	----	-----	45	2	16	111	14	----	14	1	1	1	1	4	1	----	----	442	5	---
Fennville	1	25	..	2	2	2	1	1200	..	------	10	----	-----	50	1	12	50	9	----	9	1	..	..	----	2	---	----	----	387	----	---
Galesburg	7	161	1	5	...	...	1	14000	1	600	-----	----	-----	125	1	20	280	75	10	85	10	2	1	10	10	...	100	9	823	34	---
Ganges	20	102	..	4	...	18	1	3350	1	1400	30	----	225	45	2	26	184	35	15	50	4	1	1	4	6	1	----	----	659	25	---
Gobleville	3	91	1	3	1	37	2	3000	..	------	-----	410	790	40	2	29	180	8	2	10	3	1	1	3	2	1	----	----	458	5	---
Kalamazoo, First Church	25	535	2	9	9	7	1	52000	..	------	650	----	-----	1500	1	56	442	200	150	350	15	5	5	5	15	7	128	130	2030	180	250
" Simpson Church	21	158	2	..	8	8	1	3500	..	------	-----	----	-----	110	1	30	190	10	40	50	10	3	3	10	12	5	39	----	1100	22	---
Kendall	9	59	1	..	...	9	1	2000	1	300	110	11	-----	20	2	16	115	14	6	20	4	1	1	4	3	1	5	----	382	8	3
Lacota	11	106	..	1	...	2	2	3500	1	600	125	----	-----	60	1	11	90	24	10	34	2	..	..	1	---	---	----	----	438	7	---
Martin	24	200	..	3	...	3	2	4000	1	1500	-----	----	-----	100	3	37	220	----	93	93	6	3	3	6	10	2	80	----	929	36	---
Mendon	2	200	..	2	1	15	2	3500	1	1000	-----	----	-----	100	2	26	170	38	37	75	10	2	2	6	10	2	----	----	986	25	25
Mill Grove	3	44	..	1	...	6	1	1000	..	------	-----	----	-----	----	3	19	75	10	----	10	1	..	..	----	---	---	----	----	224	2	---
Monterey	7	65	1	2	...	...	1	1800	1	200	75	----	-----	35	3	18	100	21	----	21	----	..	..	----	---	---	----	----	388	12	---
Nottawa and Bradley Indian Mission.	6	66	3	..	...	8	..	------	..	------	-----	----	-----	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	----	..	..	----	---	---	----	----	99	----	---
Oshtemo	11	65	..	1	...	...	1	2000	1	700	30	----	-----	80	2	20	50	8	2	10	1	1	1	1	6	1	20	...	432	9	2
Otsego	70	427	1	6	...	37	2	11500	1	1000	4500	----	2200	140	2	27	315	62	78	140	13	2	3	12	8	3	103	50	1212	47	18
Parkville	2	140	..	..	2	12	2	5000	1	500	75	----	-----	100	3	17	120	22	3	25	4	1	1	6	5	2	----	----	600	11	---
Plainwell	28	220	..	3	...	6	1	4000	1	700	150	----	-----	160	2	37	331	50	50	100	12	2	2	13	11	4	139	95	994	45	10
Prairieville	1	120	..	..	2	...	3	4200	1	400	1400	----	-----	75	3	24	175	65	----	65	10	2	2	10	4	3	75	----	729	20	10
Richland	4	75	..	2	..	2	1	5400	1	500	100	----	2600	85	1	12	60	25	----	25	4	..	1	4	4	---	2	----	325	10	---
Saugatuck	4	67	2	..	1	...	1	1500	..	------	-----	----	-----	67	1	13	66	29	1	30	3	1	1	3	4	1	----	----	567	6	---
Schoolcraft	4	96	..	..	...	2	1	4000	1	1500	13	----	-----	129	2	22	130	53	7	60	5	1	1	5	3	1	36	----	580	25	---
South Haven	24	268	..	3	3	27	2	5000	1	1000	290	----	175	150	2	28	210	61	----	61	8	1	1	6	10	2	69	----	1038	28	---
Springbrook	4	69	..	1	...	...	1	2000	1	500	-----	----	-----	45	2	21	90	8	2	10	1	1	..	1	1	1	22	----	537	4	---
Three Rivers	24	290	..	4	2	5	1	25000	1	3500	100	350	750	450	1	25	205	129	21	150	5	2	2	10	5	3	106	21	1480	50	5
Vicksburg	13	154	1	2	4	5	2	3500	1	700	325	----	95	90	2	29	187	32	14	46	10	..	..	8	8	---	----	----	824	15	---
Waukeshma	1	194	..	1	1	...	1	5000	1	500	155	----	-----	75	2	30	140	46	29	75	9	2	2	6	4	3	43	----	692	36	---

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A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Allegan	H. S. Bargelt	800	750	50	67	30	12	5	33	10
Augusta	James Berry	600	550	50	51	47	12	8	33	22
Banfield	J. C. Chase	500	458	42	47	40	12	2	28	8
Bloomingdale	S. Kitzmiller	700	700	--------	60	60	--------	10	--------	16
Climax	L. W. Calkins	850	800	50	72	72	16	12	60	24
Comstock	J. Humfries	400	400	--------	40	16	6	3	15	5
Cooper	A. Trott	575	510	65	48	44	10	2	22	3
Douglass	J. W. McDougall	500	410	90	42	30	8	2	14	5
Fennville	H. H. Ford	450	370	80	42	17	4	--------	8	--------
Galesburg	R. A. Wright	750	750	--------	64	64	15	9	50	34
Ganges	W. W. Divine	600	600	--------	51	51	11	8	25	25
Goblesville	R. G. Hildred	425	425	--------	36	31	3	2	7	5
Kalamazoo, First Church	W. I. Cogshall	1800	1800	--------	180	180	50	50	180	180
Kalamazoo, Simpson Church	E. V. Armstrong	1000	1000	--------	85	85	15	15	22	22
Kendall	W. F. Harding	389	349	40	33	33	5	--------	8	8
Lacota	R. W. Tindall	400	400	--------	36	36	10	2	25	7
Martin	S. D. McKee	850	850	--------	73	73	14	6	56	36
Mendon	W. P. French	900	900	--------	76	76	15	10	55	25
Mill Grove	Stillman George	310	210	100	12	12	--------	2	--------	2
Monterey	I. W. Wallace	475	360	115	40	26	8	2	15	12
Nottawa and Bradley, Indian Mission	Isaac Bennett	--------	83	--------	--------	16	--------	--------	--------	--------
Oshtemo	A. E. Hawley	500	408	92	42	21	9	3	15	9
Otsego	G. B. Kulp	1100	1100	--------	94	94	20	18	75	47
Parkville	J. T. Cook	550	550	--------	47	46	12	4	26	11
Plainwell	J. W. Rawlinson	900	900	--------	77	77	17	17	45	45
Prairieville	O. H. Perry	675	675	--------	55	45	12	9	30	20
Richland	R. K. Manaton	300	310	--------	51	25	--------	--------	10	10
Saugatuck	W. T. Cook	600	520	80	51	44	8	3	16	6
Schoolcraft	W. Barrett	525	525	--------	51	51	11	4	40	25
South Haven	A. T. Ferguson	950	950	--------	80	80	17	8	56	28
Springbrook	J. S. Ward	565	500	65	42	35	6	2	12	4
Three Rivers	J. A. Sprague	1300	1370	--------	100	100	20	10	85	50
Vicksburg	A. C. Jones	750	750	--------	64	64	14	10	40	15
Waukeshma	George Donaldson	625	625	--------	53	53	14	14	36	36
TOTAL		22614	21848	919	1962	1774	386	252	1142	755

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																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptised.	No. Adults Baptised.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building & improving Ch's & Pars'g's	Paid on old indebtedness on Church prop'ty	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches	From S Schools	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sun. School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Alma	16	140	2	2	1	6	2	4300			2400	250		130	4	43	338	35	8	43	2	1	1	8	5	1		52	732	23	
Bath	25	149		3	1	5	2	3500	1	800	8			100	2	23	112	37	32	69	5	3	3	6	7	4	23	10	726	34	2
Breckenridge	30	116		1	7	13	2	2500	1	500	10			40	4	44	309	23	12	35	2	1	1	5	5	1			485	16	
Charlotte	15	296	1	8	3	9	1	6500	1	1500	20			350	1	36	339	96	63	159	4	2	3	4	14	3	76	69	1325	95	
DeWitt	8	102	1	2	3	5	5	5200	1	800		164	700	75	4	43	262	25	15	40	4	2	2	3	12	1	40		674	35	
Eagle	2	55					1	2000	1	1000	40	50	4	75	1	10	120	20	6	26	1	1	1	1	3	1			649	10	1
Eaton Circuit	10	130	1			13	2	3100	1	600	540		60	75	3	18	175	25		25	1	1	1	1	1	1			513	20	
Eaton Rapids	27	320	1	6		2	1	15000	1	1500	125			225	1	26	205	90	40	130	20	2	2	20	8	3	81		1381	65	40
Elm Hall	40	80	1		3	12	3	2700			100		350	50	3	20	150	10	2	12	3	1	1	4	1	1			478	6	
Elsie	20	260	2	8	2	12	3	7200	1	1200	104	112	335	183	4	45	360	96	10	106	10	2	2	7	14	2	94		918	45	2
Fowler	4	45					1	1200							2	12	45	10		10	4		1	4	3	1	12		352	7	
Grand Ledge	11	77	2	2		10	1	5000	1	1150	20	136	300	90	1	13	125	14	5	19	1	1	1	1	3	1	15		769	15	
Gresham	18	85	4	2		8	2	5000	1	1000	20		200	80	2	24	127	28	4	32	5	1	1	6	2	1	12		582	17	
Ithaca	17	147	2	2	3	2	1	2500	1	800	25	100	270	75	1	12	135	38	12	50	2		1	2	10		51		861	16	44
Lansing Central Church	43	440	5	6	10	18	1	55000	1	5000	15000		15000	1040	1	99	425	124	76	200	20	3	3	20	13	7	60	40	1730	110	
Lansing First Church	8	118		3		20	1	10000	1	2000	140			150	1	25	180	15	12	27	4	2	1	7	11	3	83		896	23	25
Maple Rapids	5	204	1	2	1	19	4	5250	1	1500	1920	232		125	3	37	221	84	21	105	20	4	4	20	10	3	27		1005	45	2
Mason	25	330		5	2	26	1	6000	1	1500	100			200	3	55	375	144	43	187	19	3	2	18	26	5	84		1351	63	2
Nashville	25	135	1	5		21	2	5800				24	50	135	2	24	163	35	16	51	8	2	2	8	9	3			734	35	42
Okemos	28	141	2	1	10	10	2	3800	1	800				75	4	50	225	45	20	65	11	2	1	11	6	4	27		650	33	12
Ovid	10	262	1	3	4	24	1	4000	1	2000	732			182	1	26	250	80	50	130	21	4	4	21	10	6	84	83	1358	85	12
Potterville	1	130	1	2	1		2	7500	1	1300				150	2	35	200	44	4	48	2	1	1	3	5	1			880	34	50
St. Johns	3	250	1	3	2	2	1	5000	1	2500	600	200		150	1	27	300	82	25	107	12	2	2	12	8	3	22	94	1238	49	
St. Louis	16	121	1	1		3	1	3200	1	800	40		85	89	1	23	177	27	8	35	2	1	1	4	4	1	18		756	18	
Sickles and Ashley	3	90	1	1		1	2	3000			900		300	25	4	30	210	11	2	13	3	1		2	2				470	14	60
Shepardsville	4	124					2	3000	1	600	20			57	2	18	117	40	20	60	4	1	1	5	5	1	125	15	667	20	
Vermontville	19	198	1	2	2	2	2	6500	1	1200	40		70	150	2	19	210	48	12	60	3	1	1	3	5	1			864	30	
Wacousta and Delta	50	94		2	3	43	3	5750			290			50	1	18	120	47		47	2			1	1	1			444	24	
Winfield	7	140	1	2	1	2	3	5000	1	800	62		120	80	3	17	120	20	10	30	5	1	1	5	4	1	55		530	10	
TOTAL	490	4769	33	74	59	288	55	194500	23	30800	23276	1268	17844	4295	74	812	6095	1393	528	1921	80	46	45	212	207	61	989	353	24020	997	294

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NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Alma	J. W. Vickers	675	675		52	52	12	5	33	23
Bath	W. A. Taylor	675	675		48	48	13	6	34	34
Breckenridge	A. O. Carman	450	450		33	33	7	2	20	16
Charlotte	C. L. Barnhart	1200	1200		100	100	25	25	70	95
Dewitt	D. M. Ward	625	628		42	42	8	4	29	35
Eagle	A. W. Burns	610	615		31	31	6	3	20	10
Eaton Circuit	W. W. Chatfield	400	475		30	30	10	8	20	20
Eaton Rapids	Louis De Lamarter	1250	1250		106	106	31	25	74	65
Elm Hall	F. L. Niles	450	450		26	26	4	2	12	6
Elsie	G. L. Mount	825	825		60	81	22	12	55	45
Fowler	Jacob Mesner	375	325	50	24	24	3	3	9	7
Grand Ledge	Edwin Tench	725	725		41	40	5	3	15	15
Gresham	Thomas Young	500	525		52	52	7	5	29	17
Ithaca	C. A. Jacokes	800	800		54	54		7		16
Lansing Central Church	M. M. Callen	1600	1600		130	130				110
" First Church	W. M. Colby	850	850		42	42		4	22	23
Maple Rapids and Greenbush	R. S. McGregor	925	925		70	70	7	10	45	45
Mason	A. D. Newton	1250	1250		86	86	25	15	94	63
Nashville	A. K. Stewart	675	675		52	52	10	7	38	35
Okemos	A. H. Sturgis	575	588		52	52	11	10	33	33
Ovid	P. J. Maveety	1250	1250		80	88	20	20	62	85
Potterville	Thomas Riley	900	823	77	52	52	12	5	34	34
St. Johns	C. G. Thomas	1150	1150		77	80		8	50	49
St. Louis	A. F. Hart	700	700		52	52	9	4	25	18
Sickles and Ashley	F. P. Sprague	500	430	70	38	38	6	2	17	14
Shepardsville	George Bullen	675	615	60	48	48	10	4	32	20
Vermontville	J. H. Thomas	800	800		58	60	16	4	39	30
Wacousta and Delta	J. W. McAllister	400	400		44	44			24	24
Winfield	D. W. Fow	501	489	12	44	38	10	8	32	10
TOTAL		22311	22163	269	1624	1651	289	206	967	997

STATISTICS FOR NILES DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE. 1890.

A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Minis'rial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptised.	No. Adults Baptised.	No of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building & improving Ch's & Pars'g's	Paid on old indebtedness on Church prop'ty	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches	From S Schools	Total.	For Board of Church extension.	For Sun. School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Bangor and Breedsville	--	76	--	1	--	--	2	3500	1	800	--	--	85	100	2	24	150	6	14	20	1	--	--	1	40	--	14	--	535	3	--
Benton Harbor	38	382	--	5	41	73	1	12000	--	--	350	--	--	350	1	28	350	26	45	71	13	4	4	14	--	4	55	--	1338	37	150
Berrien Springs	18	109	--	2	--	13	2	3500	1	1000	--	--	--	75	3	39	195	25	29	54	4	2	2	6	12	--	63	--	761	25	--
Buchanan	16	198	--	4	--	10	1	3000	1	1200	28	--	--	100	1	21	180	66	--	66	16	4	4	16	8	2	--	--	928	32	--
Cassopolis	14	163	1	3	1	16	3	9250	1	1200	1250	--	--	95	3	30	212	30	7	37	3	1	1	2	4	2	20	--	914	17	--
Coloma and Watervliet	12	115	--	5	--	--	2	4500	1	1500	--	--	--	170	4	37	260	16	2	18	5	1	1	3	2	1	32	--	619	15	--
Decatur	14	180	--	1	3	6	2	6000	1	1000	--	205	575	110	3	33	225	31	4	35	3	2	1	2	9	2	33	--	750	25	7
Dowagiac	6	182	--	--	--	4	1	4500	--	--	165	--	--	120	1	20	136	33	38	71	16	4	4	16	16	4	38	10	999	37	5
Eau Claire	--	75	1	3	--	--	3	2500	1	600	--	--	350	--	1	8	--	18	5	23	--	1	--	--	1	1	2	1	424	10	--
Edwardsburg	3	117	--	2	--	1	2	2200	1	1000	35	--	--	100	2	33	144	30	26	56	12	--	--	7	8	--	--	--	758	28	--
Galien	4	68	1	1	--	--	3	4000	--	--	75	--	250	75	4	33	210	5	12	17	1	1	1	1	2	--	--	--	447	8	--
Hartford	14	75	--	2	2	4	1	3000	--	--	200	--	50	100	1	15	80	10	--	10	5	--	1	5	1	1	--	--	442	9	--
Keeler and Silver Creek	3	85	--	--	--	8	3	5000	1	600	20	--	143	37	3	18	75	9	2	11	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	694	--	--
Lawrence	2	110	1	1	--	3	1	4000	1	400	14	505	675	36	1	15	73	18	--	18	3	1	1	3	5	1	--	--	617	20	--
Lawton	145	120	--	2	1	10	1	4000	1	1000	300	--	--	80	1	17	100	13	10	23	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	696	19	6
Marcellus	4	190	1	3	4	10	1	2500	1	800	25	--	232	100	3	30	250	40	--	40	5	1	1	5	2	--	--	--	907	29	--
Mattawan	--	101	1	1	1	--	3	5000	1	300	--	--	--	50	2	25	120	--	73	73	--	--	--	--	9	--	--	--	495	8	--
Mottville and Union	--	25	--	1	--	--	3	5000	--	--	--	--	--	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	160	--	--
Niles	25	264	1	6	6	7	1	12000	1	3000	--	150	875	320	1	40	360	30	120	150	24	6	6	24	12	7	95	30	1327	70	11
Paw Paw	17	109	1	--	3	1	1	8000	1	800	25	--	--	150	1	17	157	35	10	45	4	--	1	2	8	1	36	--	878	25	--
Pokagon	5	182	1	4	3	--	5	5800	1	400	60	--	--	250	5	40	270	55	15	70	2	1	1	3	3	1	38	90	796	20	8
St. Joseph	10	269	1	1	2	4	1	15000	1	3500	800	--	--	722	1	32	350	120	80	200	45	6	6	45	12	6	55	--	1335	90	30
Stevensville	15	145	2	3	1	5	3	4300	1	600	350	150	200	50	3	34	250	40	--	40	--	1	1	5	5	1	--	--	647	20	10
Three Oaks	16	137	2	3	--	5	4	7500	1	325	20	--	--	85	4	40	200	40	25	65	16	3	3	18	12	3	--	--	666	42	--
Vandalia	58	170	--	--	--	38	4	4500	1	600	200	300	385	50	4	40	185	--	5	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	742	5	75
TOTAL	439	3647	14	54	68	218	54	140550	20	20625	4017	1310	3820	3335	55	669	4532	686	517	1218	178	45	39	178	171	37	481	131	18875	594	302

STATISTICS FOR NILES DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1890.

A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Bangor and Breedsville	Uri Mason	600	499	101	50	36	9		20	3
Benton Harbor	E. B. Patterson	1200	1250		75	75	13	13	37	37
Berrien Springs	G. W. Gosling	700	700		53	53	11	8	30	25
Buchanan	J. H. Buttleman	850	850		66	66		12		32
Cassopolis	Isaiah Wilson	844	860		50	50		4		17
Coloma and Watervliet	J. R. Oden	700	580	120	60	37	11	2	25	15
Decatur	W. W. Lamport	700	700		60	48	16	2	30	25
Dowagiac	S. L. Hamilton	920	920		66	66	13	13	37	37
Eau Claire	J. H. Sweinfurth	500	384	116	42	39	7	1	16	10
Edwardsburg	W. N. Younglove	800	700	100	73	50	13	8	37	28
Galien	Samuel Trewin	425	406	19	40	40	6	1	15	8
Hartford	Wm. A. Prouty		415			25		2		9
Keeler and Silver Creek	J. H. Emmons	650	650		60	44				
Lawrence	Robert Bramfitt	650	575	75	40	40	7	2	20	20
Lawton	E. H. Day	650	650		44	44		2		19
Marcellus	W. R. Stinchomb	900	850	50	51	51	10	6	29	29
Mattawan	S. S. Slyter	500	465	35	40	27	3	3		8
Mottville and Union	C. S. Fox		158			2				
Niles	A. H. Ranton	1200	1200		108	108	19	19	70	70
Paw Paw	W. J. Hathaway	800	800		75	75	13	3	37	25
Pokagon	I. B. Tallman	750	720	30	66	66	13	10	37	20
St. Joseph	J. W. H. Carlisle	1200	1200		120	120	15	15	90	90
Stevensville	F. H Nix	600	600		42	42		5	23	20
Three Oaks	L. E. Lovejoy	600	600		56	56	10	10	25	42
Vandalia	J. E. Arney	780	700		42	42				5
TOTAL		17439	17432	646	1379	1302	189	141	578	494

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE. 1890.

A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Minis'rial Support.		
																		For Missions													
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptised.	No. Adults Baptised.	No of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building & improving Ch's & Pars'g's	Paid on old indebtedness on Church prop'ty	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches	From S Schools	Total.	For Board of Church extension.	For Sun. School Union	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and S. E. Society.	For Education.	For Am. Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
Albion	296	4743	34	78	46	240	35	244900	17	19550	13141	1735	5135	5413	51	685	5175	1498	850	2348	342	87	85	335	225	132	1195	350	21477	1064	474
Coldwater	460	4494	24	49	38	229	40	170100	19	18258	4119	332	2108	3245	57	689	4725	1474	310	1784	215	39	34	225	145	63	775	233	20684	676	330
Kalamazoo	421	5001	16	78	40	236	50	208650	26	24600	8902	806	7772	4336	65	785	5317	1259	647	1906	168	41	41	163	190	51	1097	305	23874	755	324
Niles	439	3647	14	54	68	218	54	140550	20	20625	4017	1310	2820	3335	55	667	4532	686	517	1218	178	45	39	178	171	37	481	131	18875	594	302
Grand Rapids	407	4478	17	53	113	259	49	249550	23	29350	1830	1390	2634	5694	66	896	6963	1071	808	1879	317	54	40	263	203	86	1096	435	24016	789	747
Ionia	476	3402	26	84	33	143	48	173525	22	21745	3323	1788	7216	3424	53	652	4507	687	363	1050	98	42	41	156	125	45	716	270	18665	539	198
Lansing	490	4769	33	74	59	288	55	194500	23	30800	23276	1268	17844	4295	74	812	6095	1393	528	1921	80	46	45	212	207	61	989	353	24020	991	294
Big Rapids	382	4089	30	61	157	300	71	125450	30	20875	9863	3710	11925	3343	106	1094	6826	758	566	1324	249	52	45	207	156	64	670	58	24917	657	247
Grand Traverse	402	3345	43	39	85	163	44	92850	26	17025	13703	2963	11628	1910	81	723	4187	427	94	521	80	23	21	73	94	25	272	6	17993	277	6
Grand Total	3773	37968	237	570	639	2076	446	600075	206	204828	91673	15302	69082	34995	608	7003	48327	9253	4683	13951	1727	430	391	1812	1516	564	7291	2141	194521	6348	2922
Last Year	4282	37555	235	706	706	2486	419	1518315	204	212905	131628	15170	76280	34362	578	6761	47530	8878	4891	13769	1914	375	272	1793	1208	448	7854	2035	193671	6174	3737
Increase	----	413	2	---	---	----	27	81760	2	------	------	232	-----	633	30	242	797	374	---	182	----	55	19	103	308	116	----	106	850	174	---
Decrease	509	-----	---	136	67	410	---	-------	---	8177	39955	-----	7198	-----	---	----	-----	----	218	-----	187	---	---	----	----	---	563	----	------	----	815

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, 1890.

A. J. WHEELER, STATISTICAN, SPRING LAKE, MICH.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	NAMES OF PRESIDING ELDERS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Albion	I R. A. Wightman	19845	19700	266	1458	1455	370	322	1079	1064
Coldwater	N. L. Bray	19482	19033	1016	1497	1490	258	161	896	676
Kalamazoo	D. F. Barnes	22614	21848	919	1962	1774	386	252	1142	755
Niles	Levi Master	17439	17432	646	1379	1302	189	141	578	594
Grand Rapids	J. I. Buell	23667	21996	1677	1799	1780	338	240	974	889
Ionia	A. P. Moors	17525	17182	549	1412	1339	238	144	637	539
Lansing	W. H. Thompson	22311	22163	269	1624	1651	289	206	967	997
Big Rapids	D. W. Parsons	25096	23118	2178	1786	1629	208	170	668	657
Grand Traverse	G. W. Sherman	18284	16753	1666	1118	1163	114	77	328	277
Grand Total		186263	179225	9186	14025	13583	2396	1713	7269	6348
Last Year		184628	178495	9570	13969	13584	2309	1592	7456	6174
Increase		1635	730		56		87	121		174
Decrease				384		1			187	

SESSIONS OF THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

From its Organization up to the Present Time.

TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
September 7, 1836	Mansfield, Ohio.	J. Soule	H. O. Sheldon
September 6, 1837	Detroit, Mich	R. R. Roberts	Edward Thompson
September 5, 1838	Tiffin, Ohio	Beverly Waugh	Edward Thompson
September 4, 1839	Ann Arbor, Mich	J. Soule	Edward Thompson
August 19, 1840	Marshall, Mich	E. Hedding	H. Colclazer
September 15, 1841	White Pigeon, Mich	R. R. Roberts	H. Colclazer
August 17, 1842	Adrian, Mich	T. A. Morris	H. Colclazer
August 16, 1843	Ann Arbor, Mich	J. Soule	J. S. Harrison
October 2, 1844	Coldwater, Mich	L. L. Hamlin	H. Colclazer
September 10, 1845	Detroit, Mich	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer
September 23, 1846	Marshall, Mich	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer
September 15, 1847	Ypsilanti, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher
September 6, 1848	Kalamazoo, Mich	E. S. Janes	E. H. Pilcher
September 5, 1849	Adrian, Mich	L. L. Hamlin	E. H. Pilcher
September 4, 1850	Albion, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher
September 3, 1851	Monroe, Mich	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher
September 15, 1852	Niles, Mich	Levi Scott	E. H. Pilcher
September 14, 1853	Detroit, Mich	Beverly Waugh	E. H. Pilcher
September 13, 1854	Ann Arbor, Mich	O. C. Baker	T. C. Gardner
September 5, 1855	Flint, Mich	E. R. Ames	T. C. Gardner
October 1, 1856	Coldwater, Mich	T. A. Morris	R. C. Crawford
September 16, 1857	Lansing, Mich	Beverly Waugh	R. C. Crawford
September 15, 1858	Kalamazoo, Mich	E. R. Ames	R. C. Crawford
September 14, 1859	Marshall, Mich	E. S. Janes	R. C. Crawford
September 27, 1860	Ionia, Mich	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex
October 2, 1861	Battle Creek, Mich	E. R. Ames	T. H. Sinex
October 1, 1862	Grand Rapids, Mich	L. Scott	T. H. Sinex
September 23, 1863	Jackson, Mich	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex
Septemper 28, 1864	Niles, Mich	O. C. Baker	J. W. Robinson
September 13, 1865	Albion, Mich	E. R. Ames	L. R. Fiske
September 6, 1866	Hillsdale, Mich	M. Simpson	A. A. Dunton
September 11, 1867	Lansing, Mich	D. W. Clark	M. B. Camburn
September 3, 1868	Three Rivers, Mich	E. R. Ames	M. B. Camburn
September 15, 1869	Grand Rapids, Mich	L. Scott	M. B. Camburn
August 31, 1870	Coldwater, Mich	D. W. Clark.	M. B. Camburn
September 13, 1871	St. Joseph, Mich	E. S. Janes	M. B. Camburn
September 18, 1872	Jackson, Mich	E. R. Ames	J. I. Buel
September 10, 1873	Ionia, Mich	I. W. Wiley	J. I. Buel
September 9, 1874	Kalamazoo, Mich	M. Simpson	G. B. Jocylyn
September 8, 1875	Battle Creek, Mich	L. Scott	G. B. Jocelyn
September 13, 1876	Niles, Mich	G. Haven	G. B. Jocelyn
September 5, 1877	Grand Rapids, Mich	S. M. Merrill	A. R. Boggs
September 4, 1878	Three Rivers, Mich	J. T. Peck	A. R. Boggs
September 10, 1879	Ionia, Mich	R. S. Foster	H. M. Joy
September 15, 1880	Muskegon, Mich	T. Bowman	H. M. Joy
August 31, 1881	Jackson, Mich	R. S. Foster	H. M. Joy
September 6, 1882	Coldwater, Mich	E. G. Andrews	W. I. Cogshall
September 5, 1883	Albion	W. L. Harris	W. I. Cogshall
September 10, 1884	Lansing,	W. X. Ninde	W. I. Cogshall
September 24, 1885	Grand Rapids	H. W. Warren	W. I. Cogshall
September 15, 1886	Kalamazoo	J. F. Hurst	W. I. Cogshall
September 7, 1887	Bay View	W. X. Ninde	I. R. A. Wightman
September 5, 1888	St. Joseph	S. M. Merrill	James W. Reid
September 11, 1889	Greenville,	Cyrus D. Foss	James W. Reid
September 10, 1890	Muskegon	E. G. Andrews	W. I. Cogshall

REGISTER.

REGISTER OF MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH.

* The Asterisk signifies membership in the Preachers' Savings Fund Society. "N" Supernumerary. "A" Superannuated.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS IN MICHIGAN, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.	BIRTHPLACE.	DATE OF BIRTH			ENTERED REGULAR MINISTRY.		MEMBER MICH CON. FULL CONNECTION.
			MONTH.	DAY	YEAR.	CONFERENCE OR CHURCH.	YEAR.	
*Aldrich, Wm. J	Died Sept. 23, '90.	Brunswick, Ohio	June	7	1836	Michigan	1865	1867
Aler, Levi	Chippewa Lake	Adamsville, Ohio	May.	18	1852	Michigan	1887	1889
Allen, James.	Sherman	Toronto, Canada	May.	1	1844	Primitive Methodist	1865	1887
Armstrong, Edmund V.	Kalamazoo	Albany, New York	Feb.	3	1837	Michigan	1876	1879
Arney, James E.	Vandalia	Fabius, Mich	Jan.	16	1857	Michigan	1887	1889
Arney, John W.	Saranac	Fabius, Mich.	Jan.	30	1855	Michigan	1880	1882
*Bacon, Elisha D. A	Grandville	Connesus, New York	April	28	1830	Michigan	1863	1765
*Ball, David O.	Frankfort	Courtland Co., New York.	May	11	1832	Detroit	1864	1873
*Bangs, Francis B. A	Eaton Rapids	Stanford, New York.	March	23	1819	Michigan	1840	1840
Bargelt, Henry S.	Holland	Middleton, Pennsylvania	April	7	1849	Upper Iowa.	1871	1882
*Barnes, Doctor F.	Kalamazoo	Vergennes, Vermont	Nov	22	1833	Northwest Indiana	1858	1866
*Barnes, Geo. S.	Charlevoix	Charlotte, Vermont.	May	24	1829	New Hampshire	1857	1866
*Barnhart, Clinton L.	Mason	Chautauqua, New York	Sept	1	1842	Erie	1865	1871
*Barrett, Wright	Kalamazoo	Providence, New York	March	28	1830	Michigan	1868	1870
Barth, William L.	Colon	Trenton, New Jersey	July	16	1861	Michigan	1887	1890
Bass, William A.	Kalamazoo	Edwardsburg, Canada	April	19	1847	Bay Quinta, Canada	1877	1884
Beach, Asahel C. A	Pierson	Hamilton, New York	May	1	1822	Michigan	1854	1857
*Beach, John C.	Luther	Oronoko, Mich.	April	6	1854	Michigan	1881	1885
*Bennett, Isaac A	Quincy	Jefferson Co., Ohio	April	22	1810	Michigan	1836	1836
*Bennet, Lorin M. A	Ann Arbor	Cherry Valley, New York.	July	29	1828	Michigan	1853	1855
Bennett, John H.	Caldonia	Gloustershire, England	Feb.	28	1857	London	1878	1888
*Berry, James	Harbor Springs	Brampton, Canada	Nov	26	1849	Michigan	1877	1879
*Bowen, James R	Coleman	Nunda, New York	April	21	1834	Michigan	1881	1883
*Bray, Nicholas L	Coldwater	Cornwall, England	June	28	1844	Michigan	1870	1872
Brumfitt, Robert	Coloma	Lumley, England	March	10	1852	Newfoundland	1875	1887
*Bready, Robert H. N	Portland	Albion, Canada	Nov	30	1845		1874	1877
*Brockway, Nelson L. A	Holland	Dansville, New York.	July	27	1828	Michigan	1854	1856
*Brockway, Wm. H.	Albion	Morriston, Vermont	Feb.	24	1813	Ohio	1833	1836
*Buell, James I.	Grand Rapids	New Haven, New York	Jan.	4	1831	Michigan	1856	1859
*Buell, George A.	Shelby	Kalamazoo, Mich	May	27	1848	Michigan	1877	1879
Buell, John W.	Wayland	Kalamazoo, Mich.	May	13	1851	Michigan	1879	1881
*Bullen, George.	Shepardsville	St. Austle, England	Nov.	17	1848	Newfoundland	1875	1889
*Burns, Andrew W.	Bath	Eckmonsville, Ohio	March	29	1848	Ev. Lutheran Church	1876	1883
*Bushee, Albert W	Boyne City	Lester, New York	April	21	1842	Michigan	1883	1887
*Buttleman, John H	Cassopolis	Wisconsin	Sept	10	1869	Minnesota.	1885	1889
*Calkins Levi W	Fulton	Alaiedon, Mich	Sept	1	1839	Michigan	1865	1867

Callen, Marshal M		Jackson	Knox County, Tennessee	May	16	1849	Michigan	1876	1878
*Carlisle, John W. H		St. Joseph	Milford, Delaware	Dec.	14	1840	Michigan	1870	1872
*Carrel, Morton D		Meth. Book Room, Cincinnati, O	Royalton, Ohio	Feb.	12	1849	Michigan	1872	1874
Cawthorne, John W	A	Millbrook	Newcastle-on-Tyne, England	Dec.	17	1822	Canada (Wesleyan)	1844	1852
Chamberlain, Howard C		Tekonsha	Brownstown, Mich	March	15	1858	Michigan	1885	1887
Chase, Granger D		Traverse City	Bainbridge, Ohio	June	20	1864	Michigan	1887	1889
*Chase, John C		Bloomingdale	China, New York	Aug.	28	1856	Michigan	1886	1888
*Chick, Charles	A	Whitehall	Goudhurst, England	Jan.	20	1833	Michigan	1858	1862
Clancy, Judson V		Boston, Mass., 72 Mt. Vernon	Camden, Canada	Oct	24	1860	Michigan	1883	1887
*Clark, Thomas T	A	Gr. Rapids, 759 S Division	Freehold, New Jersey	Oct	15	1815	Genesee	1847	1857
*Clubine, John		Marengo	West Moreland Co., Penn	Sept	14	1828	Michigan	1855	1857
*Cogshall, Wilbur I		Kalamazoo	Concord, Mich	Feb.	13	1850	Michigan	1871	1873
*Colby, W. M		Galesburg	Sodus, New York	Sept	27	1836	Michigan	1861	1863
Cook, Joseph C		Parkville	Kingston, Ontario	May	7	1862	Michigan	1887	1889
Cook, William T		Buchanan	Kingston, Ontario	April	6	1861	Northwest Iowa	1885	1888
*Coors, August H		Pentwater							
*Cooley, Elias	A	Marshall	Niagara Co., New York	April	13	1821	Michigan	1866	1868
Corbett, Fred W		Montague							
Cox, Thomas		Niles	Cornwall, England	Dec.	10	1856	Michigan	1884	1886
*Crawford, Riley C	A	Grand Rapids	Richmond, New York	Jan.	27	1817	Michigan	1841	1843
Craig, Alfred E		Hillsdale	Holton, Ontario	July	28	1861	Michigan	1885	1890
Crozier, James G		Constantine	Cartwright, Canada	Aug	5	1851	Montreal	1872	1886
*Daniels, Grosvenor	A	Denver, Col	Birmingham, Mich	Nov	2	1850	Michigan	1878	1880
*Day, Eri H		Lawton	Springwater, New York	June	15	1818	Michigan	1845	1847
Davis, Smith C		Dowagiac							
Dayton, James N		Cannonsburg	Harpers Field, New York	May	1	1828	Michigan	1859	1861
*DeLamarter, Louis		Eaton Rapids	Brighton, Mich	Aug	16	1850	Michigan	1880	1082
*Denman, William		Grand Rapids	South Wales, England	Sept.	13	1854	Michigan	1884	1885
DeGraff, John A		Evanston, Ill							
Divine, Wm. W		Ganges							
Dobson, John		Greenville	Durham Co., Canada	Aug	6	1854	Primitive Methodist Can	1876	1889
Donaldson, George		Climax	County Tyrone, Ireland	June	24	1836	Irish Wesleyan	1860	1874
Douglass, William J		Morley	Decatur, Mich	Sept	24	1861	Michigan	1885	1887
*Draper, James	N		East Guellainburg, Canada	Aug	7	1831	Niagara	1859	1871
Dunton, Alfred A	A	Shackleford, Va.	Georgia, Vermont	Feb.	8	1825	Michigan	1851	1853
Durham, Judson P		Girard	Welland, Canada	Aug	2	1853	West Nebraska	1885	1889
Eagle, Irving		Mackinaw City	Reedsburg, Ohio	Dec.	30	1857	Michigan	1883	1889
*Earle, Lewis W		Burr Oak	Wadsworth, Ohio	Nov.	23	1825	Northwest Indiana	1855	1854
*Edmonds, Lewis M		Concord	Greene Corners, New York	Feb.	6	1832	Genesee	1856	1859
*Eldred, Andrew J	A	Traverse City	Catskill, New York	March	20	1826	Michigan	1846	1848
Eldred, Albert N		Lawrence	Richmond, New York	March	26	1848	Free Will Bapt. Church	1875	1879
*Elliot, George C	A	Dowagiac	Florida, New York	May	23	1815	Oneida	1843	1868
*Engle, David		Petoskey	Lancaster, Ohio	Aug	11	1832	Michigan	1859	1862
*Ferguson, Andrew T		Whitehall	Melrose, Canada	May	29	1850	Ontario	1871	1884
*Fisher, Charles H	A	Marcellus	Columbus Co., Penn	Jan	7	1830	Michigan	1860	1862
Floody, Robert J		Penfield	Durham, Canada	Sept	1	1859	Michigan	1885	1887
*Floyd, John C		Albion	Butler, Mich	July	2	1852	Michigan	1876	1878
Fox, Charles S	A	Three Rivers	Kingsville, Ohio	Dec.	15	1829	East Genesse	1858	1869

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Freeman, Fred J	Lyons	Sutton Massachusetts	Aug	12	1837	Michigan	1858	1866
French William P	Mendon	Smithville, Canada,	Nov	9	1849	Ontario	1876	1883
*Frye, William A	Grand Rapids	Hartford, Ohio	Nov	27	1858	Michigan	1884	1886
*Garlick, Latham M	Hubbardston	Plattsburg, New York	March	19	1838	Michigan	1860	1866
*George, Thomas T	Middleville	Upper Buddington, Eng	April	17	1830	Michigan	1857	1859
Gibbs, Norman E	Sheridan							
Gillett, Augustus H	Wyoming, Ohio	Dexter, Mich	Oct	8	1848	Michigan	1871	1873
*Glass, Francis A	Grand Rapids	Crive, Ireland	April	25	1812	English	1840	1848
Golden, Owen J	Polo	Virgil, New York	Sept	4	1847	Michigan	1875	1881
Gosling, George W	Berrien Springs	Pontiac, Mich	Nov	6	1837	California	1863	1870
*Gould, Amos M	Grand Rapids	Moscow, Mich	Dec	29	1845	Rock River	1873	1877
*Graham, John		Sterling, Scotland	Dec	4	1835	Michigan	1869	1871
*Greene, Daniel A	Leroy	Independence, Ohio	Oct	8	1854	Michigan	1880	1882
Griffith, Arthur M	Springport	Springport, Mich	Feb	8	1858	Michigan	1881	1885
Grosenbaugh Louis	Lansing	Stark Co., Ohio	Dec	14	1850	Reformed Church in U.S.	1875	1884
*Gulick, Jehiel	Albion	Trenton, New Jersey	June	1	1837	Michigan	1862	1864
*Griffin, Lewis J A	Albion	Richfield, New York	Jan	15	1828	Michigan	1853	1858
*Hallenbeck, John W	Carson City	Austerlitz, New York	Oct	20	1845	Michigan	1873	1875
*Hamilton, James	Coldwater	Trafalgar, Canada	Feb	17	1843	Michigan	1868	1870
*Hamilton, Samuel L	Newcastle, Cal.	Homer, Mich	July	12	1841	Central Illinois	1860	1870
*Harder, Jacob S A	Nashville	Chatham, New York	Aug	11	1818	Michigan	1851	1854
Harding, William F	Kendall	Raisin, Mich	May	8	1862	Michigan	1887	1889
Hart, Alfred F	St. Louis	Ransom, Mich	Jan	12	1857	Michigan	1886	1888
*Hathaway, William J	Paw Paw	Bluffton, Indiana	Aug	7	1848	Michigan	1877	1879
Hawley, Harvey R	Lake Odessa	Brant Co., Canada	Dec	20	1856	Michigan	1874	1882
*Haviland, Daniel S A	Lake View	Royalton, New York	Feb	5	1828	Michigan	1858	1860
Hawley, Atwell E	Springbrook	Springfield, Pa	Sept.	23	1852	Methodist Prostestant	1879	1889
*Heath, Willard	Manton	Stanstead, Canada	March	15	1835	Michigan	1876	1882
Henderson, Horatio P N	Albion	Jefferson, Co., New York	Sept.	26	1824	Erie	1851	1868
Hewitt, Shuball P	Kewadin	Walworth, New York	Jan	16	1828	Michigan	1868	1871
Hickey, George S	Lansing	Troy, Michigan	Jan	8	1840	Michigan	1869	1871
Hicks, Geo. S. A	Russell, Neb	Pomfret, Connecticut	Sept.	30	1830	Michigan	1869	1871
Hill, Theodore J N	Boyne City	Minerva, New York	May	10	1833	Michigan	1855	1857
*Hills, John A	Ithaca	Ashford, England	Sept.	14	1824	Genesee	1856	1870
Holding Carlisle B N	Detroit	Eagle Creek, Kentucky.	Feb.	1	1849	Southern Illinois	1873	1878
*Hollister George E	Irving	Marion, New York	July	22	1833	Michigan.	1863	1865

Hollowell, John W.	A	Damon	Wheeler, New York,	Oct.	6	1828	Michigan	1870	1870
*Hopkins, James H.	N	Ypsilanti	Brook Co., Virginia	Oct.	18	1834	Iowa	1858	1871
*Horner, John W.		Sparta	Yorkshire, England	Aug.	6	1834	Michigan	1880	1883
*Howe, Charles H.	A	Julian, Dakota	Door Village, Indiana	June	1	1838	Michigan	1868	1870
Howe, George W.		Lake City	Elba, New York	April	26	1828	North Indiana	1867	1882
*Hoyt, John	A	Allen	Cherry Valley, New York	Nov.	27	1832	Michigan	1857	1859
*Hunsberger, Aaron	A	Albion	Bayham, Canada	April	11	1824	Niagara	1854	1869
*Hunsberger, Wesley A.		Muskegon	Troy, Canada	June	20	1852	Michigan	1874	1876
Hunt, Hoyt B.	N	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Hickory Corners, Michigan	Dec.	20	1851	North Indiana	1881	1884
*Iddings, Joseph T.		Sherwood	Dayton, Ohio	July	24	1835	North Indiana	1863	1870
*Jacokes, Thomas H.		Woodland	Geneva, New York	Oct.	1	1820	Michigan	1845	1847
*Jacokes, Charles A.		Reed City	Lodi, Mich.	June	28	1842	Michigan	1870	1873
*Janes, Frederick N.		Mosherville	Homer, Mich.	Jan.	27	1845	Michigan	1873	1875
Jennings, William,		Augusta	Halestown, England	Nov.	20	1851	Newfoundland	1874	1887
Johnson, Welcome W.	A	Grand Rapids	Williamstown, Mass.	Oct.	26	1817	Michigan	1849	1852
Jones, Albert C.		Vicksburg	Doylston, Ohio	Dec.	28	1857	Detroit	1887	1889
*Jordan, Henry D.			Gokmanchester, Canada	Feb.	24	1831	Michigan	1867	1869
*Jones, Charles W.		Casnovia	Sherman, Mich.	May	12	1842	Michigan	1880	1882
Judd, William		Belding	Warsaw, New York	Sept.	27	1843	Michigan	1881	1883
Kellogg, Erastus L.		Mt. Pleasant	Victory, New York	Oct.	12	1833	Michigan	1856	1858
Ketcham, Abijah E.	N	South Haven	Perne Landing, New York	April	24	1829	Detroit	1868	1871
Keillor, Alexander R.		Lake View	Iona, Canada	Feb.	9	1854	Michigan	1880	1883
Kenyon, Luther B.			Raisin, Michigan	Jan.	16	1863	Michigan	1885	1889
*Killeen, George		Hart	Waterloo, New York	March	8	1851	Michigan	1884	1888
King, Edwin H.		Grand Rapids	Scipio, New York	Dec.	18	1851	Genesee	1876	1883
*Kitzmiller, Samuel		Kalamazoo	Gettysburg, Pa.	Nov.	16	1832	Detroit	1866	1873
Klose, John		Rockford	Mexico, Pa.	April	18	1838	Michigan	1879	1881
*Knappen, Ashman A.	N	Albion	Sudburg, Vt.	Sept.	4	1828	Michigan	1868	1870
*Kulp, George B.		Battle Creek	Philadelphia, Pa.	July	23	1845	Michigan	1882	1885
Latham, David R.	A	Garden City, Kansas	Springfield, Vt	Oct.	13	1831	Michigan	1859	1860
*Lamport, Warren W.		Martin	Mishawaka, Indiana	Nov.	17	1856	Michigan	1877	1881
Laufman, Wm. L.		Evart							
*Lee, George D.	A	Charlotte	Naples, New York	April	14	1834	Michigan	----	1859
Lennox, Lambert E.		Ionia	Ontario, Canada	Sept.	..	----	Detroit	1878	1886
Lee, Frederic C.		Greenville	Melbourne, Australia	April	11	1855	Protestant Episcopal	1883	1888
Lewis, E. G.		Vermontville							
*Loomis, Merritt F.		Olivet	Wyoming, New York	Feb.	6	1854	Michigan	1884	1886
Lyon, Thomas	N	Homer	Bethel, New York	May	22	1819		----	1856
*Lumber, Edwin T.		Bay City	Cheddar, England	June	1	1849	Michigan	1881	1883
*Luther, Alex. T.		Lowell	Wayne Co., Mich.	Oct.	31	1854	Rock River	1886	1889
*Marble, Elisha	A	Harbor Springs	Adams, New York	May	25	1822	Michigan	1851	1861
Marsh, Norman D.	N	Albion	Union City, Mich.	July	31	1836		1868	1875
Martin, Dempster D.		Reading	Martinsville, Mich.	April	1	1862	Wesleyan Methodist	1882	1889
*Marzolf, Jacob	N	Stanwood	London, Canada	Nov.	2	1838	Evangelical Association	1867	1875
*Mason, Uri		Sonoma	Genesee, New York	May	4	1832	Michigan	1859	1861
*Master, Levi		Niles	Waterloo, Canada	Feb.	8	1841	Michigan	1870	1872
Matthews, Leander S.	N	Albion	Wood Co., Ohio	Feb.	13	1849		1878	1881
*Maveety, Patrick J.		Ovid	Greenough, Ireland	Feb.	8	1855	Michigan	1878	1880

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Maybee, Wm. J.	Ludington	Hamilton, Canada	June	10	1851	Ontario, Canada	1878	1886
McAllister, James W.	Waconsta	Bethany, Canada	March	18	1857	Toronto Canada	1880	1885
McGregor, Richard S.	Cadillac	Ontario, Canada	Nov.	5	1857	Methodist Protestant	1879	1886
McKee, Samuel D.	Allegan	Erin, Canada	Sept.	7	1847	Michigan	1877	1881
*Merritt, Stephen M. N	Coldwater	Western, New York	May	6	1826	East Genesee	1856	1872
*Middleton, Robert N.	Cedar Springs	Greentop, Missouri	Nov.	14	1856	Michigan	1884	1886
*Miller, John W.	Big Rapids	Picton, Canada	July	16	1832	Michigan	1861	1863
Mills, Burton S. A	Fountain	Cayuga Co., New York	April.	8	1843	Michigan	1868	1870
Montgomery, James S.	Evanston, Ill	Mt. Carmel, Ind.	Oct.	17	1862	Michigan	1887	1889
Morgan, Harrison A	Grand Rapids	Turin, New York	Aug.	14	1814	New England	1841	1845
*Moors, Aaron P.	Ionia	Oxford, Mich.	March	27	1838	Michigan	1862	1864
*Mount, George L.	Parma	Sharon, Mich.	Feb.	23	1843	Michigan	1871	1873
Mosher, Wm. P.	Bellevue	Mosherville, Mich.	May	20	1856	Michigan	1882	1884
Muffit, Willis C.	Bronson	Reading, Mich.	Dec.	3	1859	Michigan	1886	1888
*Nagler, August F.	Howard City	Freeport, Mich.	Oct.	30	1862	Michigan	1886	1888
*Newell, Enoch F.	Farwell	Durham, Maine	Dec.	2	1842	Michigan	1879	1881
Newton, Albert D.	Charlotte	York, New York	Aug.	21	1841	Michigan	1872	1874
*Nicholson, Thomas	Evanston, Ill	Woodburn, Canada	Jan.	27	1862	Canada.	1883	1887
Nix, Frank H.	Stevensville							
Oden, John R.	Hartford	Montgomery Co., Md.	Nov	1	1836	North Indiana	1862	1873
Odel, Edwin L.	Ludington							
*Odlum, George A	Union City	Ontario, Canada	Dec.	7	1862	Michigan	1880	1883
*Orwick, John F.	Sturgis	Mt. Blanchard, Ohio	Aug	5	1852	Michigan	1877	1880
*Paddock, William M	Osseo	Herkimer, New York	April.	9	1826	Black River	1855	1868
*Paddock, Oresta S.	Litchfield	Boylston, New York	Aug	31	1849	Michigan	1875	1878
Paddock, Byron E.	Susanville, Cal.	Porter Township, Mich	Nov	27	1851	Michigan	1879	1882
*Parsons, Daniel W	Big Rapids	Coldwater, Mich	Nov	14	1842	Michigan	1869	1873
Parsons, William H	Jonesville	Wixall, England	Nov	20	1845	Niagara, Canada,	1880	1886
Patterson, Edmund B	Benton Harbor	Batley, England	March	1	1862	Michigan	1883	1886
Patterson, Leroy M.	Schoolcraft							
*Pengelly, Richard N	Kalamazoo	Tavistock, England	March	25	1818	North Ohio	1842	1844
Perry, Oliver H	South Haven	Brooklyn, New York	March	22	1845	Michigan	1881	1884
*Pitezel, John H. A	Norwalk, Ohio	Frederick Co., Md.	April.	18	1814	Ohio	1135	1837
*Potts, James H	Detroit	Woodhouse, Canada	June	12	1848	Michigan	1869	1871
Potter, Andrew N	Albion	Petigo, Ireland	Unknown		1842	Michigan	1879	1881
*Pratt, Byron S. A	Grand Ledge	Lanesborough, Mass.	March	13	1837	Michigan	1862	1864

*Prouty, William A	Decatur	Steuben Co., New York	May	6	1839	United Brethren Church	1861	1868
Puffer, William M	Hastings	Sheldon, Vermont	June	12	1860	Michigan	1884	1886
Rawlinson, John W	Homer	Pitcher, New York	Jan.	22	1838	Oneida	1884	1886
*Reid, John M	54 E. 126 St., N. Y. City	New York City	May	30	1820	New York	1844	1868
Reid, James W	G. Rapids, 417 S. Union	Machias, Maine	April	7	1837	Michigan	1868	1870
Rible, Thos. R.	Quincy							
*Riehl, Daniel C	Holton	St. Louis Co., Mo	May	1	1847	Michigan	1876	1878
*Riley, Thomas	Okemos	Ontario, Canada	Aug	10	1843	Free Methodist	1875	1884
*Roberts, James A	Fremont	Sharon	April	7	1838	Michigan	1863	1866
Rolfe, Alvern A A	Los Angeles, Cal.	Alden Village, New York	April	6	1835	Michigan	1862	1865
Robinson, George S	Mancelona	Canada	Oct	24	1858	Primitive Methodist	1878	1886
Rork, William W A	Agnew	Sheridan, New York	March	5	1834	Michigan	1861	1863
Rood, H. H	White Pigeon							
Rowland, William D	Byron Center	Amboy, Mich	May	8	1850	Michigan	1885	1889
*Sherman, George W	Traverse City	Greenfield, Ohio	Aug	13	1834	Michigan	1857	1861
Shier, Richard	Newaygo	Brock Township, Canada	Sept	5	1843	Wesleyan Methodist	1869	1880
Sincleir, Edward L.	Shepherd							
Skinner, Irving H	Eau Claire	Vanburen, New York	April	20	1839	Michigan	1866	1870
Skinner, H. D.	Summit							
Smith, Albert	Orange	Rosemont, Canada	July	25	1855	Methodist Church, Can.	1875	1887
Smith, Burton W N	Bijou Hills, Dak.	Wayne Co., New York	Dec.	25	1833	West Wisconsin	1859	1862
*Smith, Calvin W	Harrison	Pontiac, Mich	Feb.	3	1842	Michigan	1879	1882
*Smith, Melanchton W F	Pottersville	Magnolia, Illinois	June	22	1847	Iowa	1868	1879
*Sonnema, Charles S		Anjum, Friesland	Feb.	19	1859	Michigan	1884	1888
*Sprague, Jonathan A	Three Rivers	Hanibal, New York	Jan.	26	1833	Michigan	1859	1861
*Stark, John K	Centreville	Mexico, New York	March	31	1835	Michigan	1869	1871
*Steffe, Jacob W	Bowne	Mt. Vernon, Ohio	Feb.	25	1855	Michigan	1880	1882
*Steele, Salmon A	Northport	Boston, Mass	Nov.	12	1812	Michigan	(1835	1841)
*Stevens, Edward G	Alba	Erie City, Penn.	Sept	22	1839	Michigan	1879	1883
*Stinchcomb, William R	Marcellus	Bloom Township, Ohio	April	10	1831	Michigan	1872	1874
*Strickland, Seneca C	North Adams	Penfield, New York	Aug	22	1849	Michigan	1877	1879
Sturgis, Arthur H	Elsie	DeWitt, Mich	Oct.	13	1862	Michigan	1885	1887
Swift, William J N	Lansing	Newport, New York	Oct.	2	1832	Michigan	1861	1863
Stacy, Wm.	Saugatuck							
Stewart, Arthur K	Nashville	Wallaceburg, Ontario	Feb.	27	1854	Michigan	1884	1888
Sevits, L. A.	Sears							
Taft, Herbert S N	Twin Bridge, Mont.	Kingsville, Ohio	July	27	1840	Methodist Episcopal	1882	1884
*Tallman, Isaac B	Pokagon	Toronto, Canada	Nov.	7	1827	Wesleyan	1857	1873
*Tanner, James H	Marshall	Henrietta, Mich	May	15	1836	Methodist Prostestant	1859	1865
Tanner, Edward A	Athens	England	Dec.	25	1848	Michigan	1871	1874
Taylor, Wm. A	Maple Rapids							
Tench, Edwin	Grand Ledge	Birmingham, England	Jan.	28	1850	West Wisconsin	1874	1885
Theobald, Charles H	Sanford	Ansville, New York	June	13	1850	Michigan	1883	1888
*Tiney, Seward C	Fremont	Amboy, Ohio	Nov	14	1846	Michigan	1885	1887
Tindall, Richard W	Oshtemo	Arkona, Canada	May	23	1849	Primitive Methodist	1880	1887
*Thompson, W. H	Grand Rapids	Bollington, England	May	15	1843	Wisconsin	1869	1879
Thompson, Fayette L	Manistee	Linden, Mich	Feb.	12	1862	Michigan	1883	1887
*Thomas, Charles G	St. Johns	Conway Township, Mich	Dec.	15	1843	United Brethern	1868	1872

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*Thomas, James H.	Ithica	Tyrone Township, Mich	Sept	9	1850	Michigan	1874	1876
Townsend, Morris D.	Lowell							
Tower, Lee L.	Clare	Benona, Mich	Sept	17	1857	Minnesota	1884	1890
*Treadgold, Elight		Fox Hall, England	May	30	1845	Primitive Methodist Can	1867	1871
Trewin, Samuel	Galien							
Trott, Arthur	Bangor							--
*Tuthill, George W	Hanover	Montgomery, New York	Sept	30	1836	Michigan	1859	1861
*Urch, Wm. H. B.	Jackson							
*Valentine, Julius S. A	Lansing	Lima, Ohio	Aug	11	1839	Michigan	1868	1871
*VanAntwerp, Charles T.	Cooper	Milton, New York	Feb.	22	1834	Michigan	1859	1862
*VanDeWalker, Freeman A.	Danby	Western, New York	July	6	1854	Michigan	1881	1883
*VanHorn, George A.	Plainwell	Stillwater, New York	Aug	5	1815	Newark	1956	1860
Varion, George	Coopersville	Counkilla, Ireland	Nov	25	1843	Michigan	1879	1881
Vickers, John W.	Alma	Berwick-on-Tweed, England	Oct	15	1856	Newfoundland	1883	1889
*Wakefield, Amos A	Middleville	Wheelock, Vermont	March	31	1813	Michigan	1849	1851
Wallace, Isaac W.	Banfield							
*Ward, Duncan M.	Dewitt	Farmington, Mich.	Dec.	16	1842	Michigan	1871	1873
*Watkins, Orlin D.	Fife Lake	Naples, New York	Dec.	19	1830	North Indiana	1866	1880
*Webster, James	Leslie	England	Aug	26	1828	Detroit	1856	1871
*Welch, Rollin C.	Albion	Weatherfield, New York	Aug	6	1830	Genesee	1857	1870
Welch, Clarence M.	North Muskegon							
*Wheeler, Arthur J	Spring Lake	Straits Lake, Mich	Sept	26	1842	Michigan	1870	1873
*White, Joshua	Prairieville	Huntington, Indiana	June	2	1838	Methodist Protestant	1860	1868
*White, James E. N	Wayland	Jersey Shore, Penn.	Aug	10	1834	Michigan	1868	1870
White, John W. N	Three Rivers	Clear Creek, Indiana	April	12	1842	Methodist Protestant	1871	1874
*Whitman Barnabas H.	East Jordan	Marion, New York	June	1	1828	Michigan	1869	1872
*Wightman, Ira R A.	Albion	Trenton, New York	March	30	1836	Michigan	1863	1865
Wightman, Oramel E.	Jackson	Ilion, New York	Aug.	20	1850	Michigan	1872	1875
Williams, Arthur S.	Berlin	Potsdam, N. Y.	June	7	1858	Michigan	1885	1889
*Wilson, Isaiah	North Lansing	Clones, Ireland	July	17	1842	Newark	1873	1876
Woods, Nelson R.	Butler	Auburn, Ohio	Nov.	26	1847	Free Methodist.	1876	1889
Woodard, David C. N	Ovid	Cohocton, New York	May	31	1836	Michigan	1662	1864
Woodard, Stephen C. A	Ovid	Cohocton, New York	June	17	1819	Michigan	1841	1843
Wright, Robert A.	Plainwell	Kitlen, Ont.	Aug.	5	1859		1885	1887
Wigle, Eli	Grand Rapids	Gosfield, Canada	Dec.	2	1841	Wesleyan Methodist	1864	1874
Yokom, Abram H.	Grandville	Newaygo, Canada	July	10	1848	West Wisconsin	1884	1889
*Young, Erasmus D. A	Colon	Orville, New York	Aug.	25	1814	Michigan	1849	1851
Young, Thomas	Gresham	Ayton, England	Aug.	10	1855	M. E. Church of Canada.	1882	1885
Younglove, William N.	Edwardsburg	Rome, Mich.	March	21	1848	Michigan	1880	1883

PROBATIONERS.

NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.	NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.	NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Aylesworth, W. W	Grand Rapids	Hipp, Henry G	Grand Haven	Riggs, George W	Orleans
Barnes, N. M	Dushville	Horr, Samuel I	Eagle	Rood, H. L	Camden
Blanchet, Louis	Bellaire	Jacokes, M. A		Sheehan, J. W	Hesperia
Choate, William H	Eden	Laing, E. W	Cambria	Spence, W. H	Allen
Clarke, Adam	Elk Rapids	Lovejoy, L. E	Three Oaks	Stephens, A. A	Gladwin
Carman, Alvin O	Breckenridge	Mather, E. O	Battle Creek	Strickland, J. H	Pierson
Cole, W. Z	Stittsville	Messner, Jacob	Fowler	Thompson, H. W	Kinderhook
Cutler, Charles A	Ashland	McCarthy, J. P	Otsego	Upton, Jay C	Wheatland
Earle, Wellington	Calkinsville	McDougall, J. W	Goblesville	Varnum, C. A	Muskegon
Elmer, W. I	East Springport	Moore, W. H	Benzonia	Weldon, Ira T	Penfield
Emmons, J. H	Keelersville	Morris, A. J	Inland	Wheeler, C. S	Paris
Ford, H. P	Comstock	Nease, Charles	Stanton	Whitman, Prentiss	Bear Lake
Hart, John W	Gilead	Niles, F. L	Elm Hall	Wilson W. J	Edmore
Henne, Anton P	Kingsley	Peschman Joseph	Fennville	Wightman, R. R	Albion
Hildred, Robert G	Lacota	Rankin, H. P		Wood, E. W	Cross Village

PREACHERS' SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY.

OFFICERS.

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Vice President—A. J. Eldred, Treasurer—D. F. Barnes.

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C. L. Barnhart,	Ira R. A. Wightman,	L. M. Edmonds,
William Colby,	Uri Mason,	H. D. Jordan.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The names of the persons associating in this society, to be known and recognized as the Preachers' Savings Fund Society of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and adopted September 18, 1871, are to be fonnd in the original constitution of this society, under the head of Article 1, which has undergone no change.

ARTICLE II.

This society shall be called and known as the Preachers' Savings Fund Society of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall have its office, for the transaction of business, at Albion, Calhoun county, in the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE III.

This society, or incorporation, shall exist for a period of thirty (30) years.

ARTICLE IV.

The objects of this society shall be to hold or receive moneys, legacies, bequests, gifts, stocks, bonds, and any kind of securities or property, and hold the same for the benefit of the widows or children of deceased ministers or preachers, who shall be members of this Society, and who shall be members of the Michigan Annual Conference at the time of their decease.

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*Deceased September 23, 1890.

It may also hold such money, or the above described property for the benefit of such living ministers, members of the Michigan Annual Conference and of this society, as in the judgment of this society, are in need of pecuniary aid: *Provided*, That no part of the funds of this society shall be applied to the relief of any living minister, until his case has been brought before the society at its annual meeting: *Provided, further*, That whenever any member of this society, who is also a member of the Michigan Annual Conference, shall be transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he may retain his membership in this society by continuing to meet all of his obligations to it, while he continues a member in good standing in such Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; *Provided, further*, That preachers on trial, in the said Michigan Annual Conference, may be entitled to all the rights and benefits of this society on the same conditions as members of the same Conference who are in full connection.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and nine Trustees, who shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices for one year; or until their successors are elected. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees, and the President shall preside in the meetings of said board, and of the society also. All elections for officers shall be by ballot and by the society, and all officers shall be elected at the annual meeting except to fill vacancies, which shall be filled by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI.

This society shall hold its annual meeting on the second day of the session of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in each year, at the place at which such Conference is held, and a majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS.

SECTION 1. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall select a competent physician, residing at, or near the seat of the Annual Conference, whose duty it shall be to examine any and all candidates for admission to this society.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to elect a Medical Examiner-in-Chief, who shall hold office for the period of three years unless sooner removed for cause. It shall be his duty to prepare blank forms of examination, which shall equal in requirements, those of the best insurance organizations. The Medical Examiner-in-Chief shall pass upon all examinations made by the subordinate Medical Examiner, and his approval or rejection shall be final.

SEC. 3. Any person receiving a majority vote of the members in attendance at the annual meeting, and by the payment of five dollars, and the Medical Examiner's fees; into the treasury of the society, having passed the required medical examination, and who at the time of such examination shall not be over forty-five (45) years of age may become a member of this society. In case of rejection by Medical Examiners all money paid into the treasury of the society shall be refunded. except so much as is required to pay the examiner's fees.

SEC. 4. Upon the death of a member the Secretary shall immediately notify each surviving member of the amount of his assessment, and that the same is due and payable within sixty days from date of such notice. Failure to comply with this requirement shall, in the discretion of the society, be deemed to have worked a forfeiture of membership and of any and every interest of such delinquent in the society, or of its properties or benefits.

ARTICLE VIII.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the society and board of Trustees, and shall perform all of the duties belonging to his office, and such other duties as the by-laws of the society or the board of Trustees shall direct, and in his absence these duties shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

ARTICLE IX.

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all the proceedings of the society and the board of Trustees, and cause the same to be recorded in a book provided for that purpose. He shall receive all moneys paid into this society, and enter the same in his record, with the sources from which they came; pay all moneys over to the Treasurer immediately, taking his receipt for the same.

ARTICLE X.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys or property belonging to the society, and shall hold the same subject to the order of the board of Trustees. He shall report annually the state of the finances, and the condition of all property in his hands belonging to the society, or oftener if the board of Trustees shall direct. He shall give a bond to the society in a penal sum of at least double the amount in his hands belonging to the society, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

ARTICLE XI.

SEC. 1. All money belonging to the society, except so much as may be necessary to pay the usual running expenses, and such appropriations as the board of Trustees may order, according to these articles, shall be funded under the direction of the board of Trustees, and said board shall have charge of all lands, tenements, stocks, bonds, mortgages, securities, or effects of every nature whatsoever, and shall invest the same, and cause them to be paid over for the purposes of the society. *Provided*, That the interest or the profits only shall be used forever, except also such special assessments as are provided for in article twelve of these articles of association. *Provided, further*, That at the expiration of the time for which this society is organized, it shall have power to dispose of all funds and securities of every nature, in such manner as it shall judge proper.

SEC. 2. The trustees shall have no power to pay out money in violation of article four of these articles of association.

ARTICLE XII.

SEC. 1. Whenever any member of this association, who is also a member in good standing in the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or having been transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church while holding membership in this association, shall die, and being at the time of his decease in good standing in this society and the Conference to which he belongs, the Trustees shall cause to be paid to his widow, or if he leave no widow, then to the children of said deceased minister, the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars. If he leave no widow nor child, the said amount shall be paid to the executor or administrator of his estate to be distributed according to law, after the payment of his just debts and the expenses of his last sickness and funeral.

Provided, That said deceased minister has paid into the society's fund at least the sum of fifty (50) dollars; but if the whole amount paid into the funds of the society shall not amount to fifty (50) dollars, by such deceased minister, as above stated, then the Trustees shall deduct from the one thousand dollars to be paid to the widow or children of said deceased minister, or to the executor or administrator of his estate, as provided for in section one of this article, such sum as will, when added to the sum of payments of said deceased minister, make the sum of fifty (50) dollars as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. The payment provided for in section one of this article shall be paid at the next session of the Michigan Annual Conference succeeding the death of the deceased minister.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of this society, whenever a death, as stated in section one of this article, shall occur, to meet as soon thereafter as possible and proceed to estimate the amount which will be in the hands of the Treasurer at the next ensuing session of the Michigan Annual Conference, arising from interest or profits of the invested funds; also the probable amount arising from the annual dues of the membership, and they shall set apart three-fourths (¾) of such annual payments to apply on the one thousand (1000) dollars provided for in section one of this article; also such interest or profits as arise from the invested funds, and then they shall assess the balance necessary to make up the one thousand (1000) dollars upon the members of the society, each member being assessed in a sum equal to every other member.

SEC. 4. Upon the death of a member it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of his assessment, by sending him a written or printed statement or notice of the amount assessed against him, and request the payment of the same, within thirty days of said notice, and if the assessment or assessments are not paid by the next session of the Society, at its annual meeting, the name of the member, or members, so refusing, or neglecting to pay, shall be stricken from the roll of the society, and all moneys which the said members have paid into the society shall be forfeited to its use. *Provided*, That no member of the society thus forfeiting his membership by non-payment of assessments, shall be entitled to any benefits from the society, until all assessments and dues are paid; and if death occurs during such delinquency, all claims of such persons shall be forfeited. (See amendment.)

ARTICLE XIII.

This society shall hold the money belonging to the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the deceased ministers of said Conference, commonly known as the Parkhurst Fund, and the Treasurer shall report annually, and oftener, if called upon by the Trustees or President to do so, the state of this fund. The society shall report annually to the Michigan Annual Conference, and pay over the interest which has accrued on the said fund at each session of said Conference, and the order of said Conference, attested by its Secretary, shall be sufficient voucher for the payment of such interest.

ARTICLE XIV.

All gifts, legacies or bequests, which shall be made to the society, or placed in its keeping, shall be sacredly kept, held and disbursed, according to the terms or conditions of said gifts, legacies, or bequests; and neither the Trustees nor the society shall have any power to divert either the principal or the interest, or any part thereof, from the purpose designed by the donor or donors of said legacies or bequests.

ARTICLE XV.

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting, provided that such amendment or amendments shall be offered in writing at the first session of the annual meeting, the same to be voted on at the second or a later session of the same annual meeting.

AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. Any person having paid five (5) dollars into the treasury of the society may be elected to membership in the society, at any annual meeting by a majority vote and such may thereafter be continued by payment of two (2) dollars annually, and such assessments as may, from time to time, be made upon him.

SEC. 2. Each member of this society shall pay annually the sum of $8 in addition to the $2 hitherto required. This shall be construed to be a reserve fund, to be drawn upon whenever, in any year, the claims from death shall exceed the amount.

ARTICLE XII.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall notify each member of the amount of his assessments, and a failure to pay the same by the member so notified, by or before the next annual session of the society, shall in the discretion of the society be deemed to have worked a forfeiture of membership, and of every interest of such delinquent in the society, or its properties and benefits.

ERRATA.

To the answer to Disciplinary Question 23, "Have Any Withdrawn" add the name of D. W. Fow.

To the report of the Committee on Temperance, add the following names as delegates to the tenth National Temperance Convention to be held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., in June, 1891, viz: J. C. Floyd, M. M. Callen, W. A. Hunsberger, A. M. Gould, S. L. Hamilton, N. L. Bray, A. D. Newton.

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